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Thatcher lets £ rise towards two dollars

Sterling up as Lawson policy is overruled

By David Smith, Economics Correspondent

The Prime Minister has overruled the Chancellor and forced a change in the policy of holding the pound down against the European currencies.

Mrs Thatcher yesterday gave a further upward boost to sterling by ruling out interest rate cuts or heavy foreign exchange intervention to restrain it.

Dealers expect the pound to push higher, buoyed by Britain's high interest rates and the healthy state of public finances, and a two-dollar pound is now seen as a strong possibility.

"Investors are putting their money into the only major country running a budget surplus," said Mr David Morrison, international economist at Goldman Sachs, the investment bank. "It sounds as if the Prime Minister wants a strong exchange rate. We are back on track for a $1.90 to $2 pound."

The pound rose by 2.45 cents to $1.8415 yesterday, adding to its 4.25 cent rise on Monday. Against the mark, sterling rose by 2.5 pfennigs to DM3.0695, well above the old unofficial DM3 ceiling which cracked on Monday. The sterling index rose by 0.8 points to 77.0.

But sterling's rise, and possible adverse consequences for export industries has killed off the pre-Budget rally in share prices. The FT-SE 100 index fell by 3.2 points to 1,815.0 yesterday.

Mrs Thatcher, asked about the pound's rise during Question Time by the Labour leader, Mr Neil Kinnock, said: "*The only way to deal with* that is either to have excessive intervention which would lead to inflation and this is no *part of our policy. Or, in fact,* to deal with the matter by interest rates, which would not be in the interests of *inflation at the present time.*"

Her comments snuffed out immediate hopes of lower base rates in the City, and provided dealers with a further reason for putting their funds into sterling, with Britain's interest rates well above those of the other leading economies. The pound jumped by one cent and two pfennigs immediately after she sat down.

But her choice of words "at the present time" fuelled speculation among Conservative back-benchers that a cut could be on the cards at least after the Budget next week.

Mr Kinnock had said: "We have record trade deficits and our balance of payments con*tinues to deteriorate. In these* circumstances, are you content to see the pound continuing to rise against the *Deutschemark and the* dollar?"

The Treasury refused to accept that the Prime Minister's comments in the House of Commons signalled a shift in policy. They stressed that her statement on interest rates did not rule out a reduction in response to changed circumstances and, in particular, to a further strong rise in the pound.

"If monetary conditions tightened to a degree we considered excessive, we would have to consider cuts in interest rates," a senior official said. "We are certainly not going to let the exchange rate rip."

Officials at the Treasury also said that the Bank of England's intervention in the foreign exchange markets last year, which produced a $20 billion rise in Britain's foreign exchange reserves, was not excessive but was "prudent market management".

It is accepted, however, that there are important differences in philosophy between the Prime Minister and the Chancellor on the exchange rate. The Chancellor has favoured early full membership of the European Monetary System and has seen the policy of the past year as "shadowing" the EMS.

Mrs Thatcher is opposed to EMS entry, and is much more inclined towards sterling floating freely rather than tightly managed exchange rates.

Her comments added to the confusion in the City over Monday's shift in policy, and the removal of the unofficial *DM3 ceiling for the pound* which had been operated for 12 months.

"It seems like the whole basis of policy for the past year and the run-up to what will be a well-received Budget has gone out of the window," said Dr Gerard Lyons, economist at SBCI-Savory Milln,

Mr Keith Skeoch, economist at Jamrs Capel, the broker, who also expects sterling to rise to the $2 level, said: "The pound will be driven up to a level where Britain is uncompetitive against the European currencies."

"We have seen a significant change of policy," said Mr David Simminds, foreign exchange adviser at Midland Bank. "The next resistance point for the pound will be at DM3.10."

The pound's sharp rise has *come as a shock to industry,* which had applauded the Chancellor's policy of holding the pound steady against the mark.

"Business is now concerned because there is uncertainty about what the Government's monetary and exchange-rate policy is," said Mr John Caff, economics director of the Confederation of British Industry.

"If it remains at this higher rate, it will be more difficult to sell into Europe and it will be easier for people to sell into this market," he added. "This is just what you don't want at a time when you are trying to interest people in 1992 and the Single European Market."

Chemicals and steel, electrical and electronic goods and vehicles are key industries where sales and profits prospects for British companies could be hit by sterling's strength against the mark.

ICI confirmed that the rise of sterling against the mark could affect profit margins on much of the £2 billion of chemicals, paints and other products it sells to continental Europe where the three big West German chemical groups are competitors.

Cairo tests its claim to treasure

By Andrew Billen

The Egyptian Government is to examine its records of the excavations of the fifth Earl of Carnarvon and Howard Carter to see whether it has a claim on 300 Egyptian treasures newly discovered at the Carnarvon family home.

Mr Ibrahim el-Nwawy, the Under-Secretary of State for the Egyptian Antiquities Organization and director of the

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country's Museums Service, said yesterday: "The question is whether these objects were taken out of the country legally or illegally.

"If they were taken out illegally, we would have a claim according to the Unesco rules for the protection of cultural properties. We would certainly take the necessary action."

The Egyptian Embassy in London will be responsible for initiating discussions over the treasures found in Highclere Castle, near Newbury, Berk-

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Political tension grows over Gibraltar killings

A bomb disposal expert with his sniffer dog searches a dustbin along the route taken by the Royal Anglian Regiment, which mounted the Ceremonial Guard yesterday in Gibraltar.

Explosives in third IRA car found in Spain

By Tony Dawe and Michael Evans, Richard Ford in Belfast, and Dominique Searle and Richard Wigg

A frantic search for the third, potentially lethal, car used by the IRA terrorists shot dead in Gibraltar on Sunday ended in the Spanish resort of Marbella last night, it was reported in Madrid.

Spanish national radio said the car had been found in the resort and that it contained explosives and a stopwatch timed for 11 a.m. — the the time a Royal Anglian Regiment parade in Gibraltar was due to start. It went ahead yesterday without incident.

But there was increasing political and diplomatic tension in the wake of the shootings. While politicians in Westminster, Belfast and Dublin have been quick to acknowledge that the IRA was planning a devastating attack, many have expressed concern at the way the terrorists were shot.

And in Gibraltar, demands were growing for a public inquiry into Sunday's shooting of the three unarmed terrorists and the coroner, Mr Felix Pizzarello, promised a full inquest into the deaths.

He has also released the bodies of the three terrorists, Mairead Farrell, Daniel McCann and Sean Savage. They could be flown home today, creating fears among the British and Irish authorities that their arrival and subsequent funeral will lead to a a huge demonstration of support for the IRA.

The Irish Government, in its first public response, said it was "gravely perturbed that three unarmed Irish people should have been shot dead in Gibraltar on Sunday when it appears from reports that they could have been arrested by the security forces involved".

The statement added that Dublin was seeking full details from the British authorities about all aspects of the three fatal shootings.

In London, Dr David Owen, leader of the Social Democratic Party, urged Mrs Thatcher to hold an inquiry, and said: "People cannot be given a licence to kill."

Police in Spain and on the Rock, aided by British security officials, were continuing to search for further terrorists.

The British and Irish authorities feared a backlash because of the many unanswered questions surrounding Sunday's events.

The Spanish police said that they were hunting for a fourth and possibly fifth terrorist involved with the three who died, as well as Spanish sympathizers who may have helped them. But sources in Belfast ruled out the suggested involvement of Evelyn Glenholmes, who is wanted in connection with several IRA bombings.

The IRA has claimed that its active service unit had been supplied with 140lb of Semtex explosive.

Whitehall sources defended the shootings, saying the operation had been "very tightly-controlled" and that it had been necessary to shoot the terrorists because of fears that they were holding automatic detonating devices which could have triggered a bomb.

More details emerged yesterday of the different agencies involved in what sources described as "a highly co-ordinated operation". Apart from the SAS and the Royal Ulster Constabulary's E4A undercover unit, which trailed the three terrorists on their flight to southern Spain, intelligence was supplied by

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Firms in price-fixing cartels face huge fines

By Robin Oakley, Political Editor

Firms involved in price-fixing cartels could be fined millions of pounds under proposals for a drastic revision of the law on restrictive trade practices.

The plans, revealed by the Government yesterday, include a provison for companies participating in such cartels to be fined up to 10 per cent of their turnover.

Under the proposals competition would be brought into every sector of business life. In a politically risky move which could cause an adverse reaction among traditional Conservative supporters, the new rules will embrace middle class professions such as the law, accountancy and architecture. Manufacturers, retailers and estate agents will also be covered.

The new law will not just *apply to rigid price-fixing* deals. It would apply also to informal arrangements "including those which are *oral or just tacitly* understood".

A new competition authority, to be based on the existing Office of Fair Trading, will be given sweeping powers to search and enter premises and seize documents to investigate possible restrictive trade practices.

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In a move which could open the way to massive lawsuits against price-fixing firms, the Government will encourage those who suffer by such deals to seek compensation in the courts as an additional punishment. It is also thinking of backing American-style "class actions" which would allow all the customers of a price-fixing firm to act together in court to seek reparation.

A Green Paper published yesterday, the *Review of Restrictive Trade Practices Policy*, says: "The Government want to encourage private actions in this area of the law".

Ministers confirmed yesterday that any exemplary damages awarded would be in addition to fines imposed if the competition authority found a comppnay guilty of conducting anti-competitive practices.

The proposals for reforming the 30-year-old law on restrictive practices were introduced yesterday by Lord Young of Graffham, who practised as a solicitor, and Mr Francis Maude, Minister for Corporate Affairs at the Department of Trade and Industry, a barrister. Consultation will continue until September and legislation is planned for the 1989-90 session of Parliament.

Under the Restrictive Trade Practices Act, 1976, agreements on medical, legal, dental, ophthalmic and veterinary services are excluded. So are agreements among architects, accountants, patent agents, surveyors, engineers and many other professions. They could still win exemption under the proposed law but the Green Paper makes it clear that professions exempted at present will not be excluded automatically. They will have to prove their case to win exemption under the new law.

Whitehall anger on Panama raid

By Ronald Faux

The Panamanian "border" in London was restored yesterday when a new door replaced that destroyed during the raid on Monday on the consulate-general in Tudor Street, but diplomatic relations between Whitehall and Panama remained in a damaged state.

Señor Guillermo Vega, the Panamanian Ambassador, was believed last night to be under threat of expulsion because of the incident.

The Foreign Secretary, Sir Geoffrey Howe, summoned Señor Vega to explain.

Seven men wearing combat jackets, who drove a Land-Rover through the door on Monday evening, were held yesterday at Snow Hill Police Station. They were arrested under Section 2 of the Public Order Act and accused of violent disorder outside the building.

The Consul General, Señor Eduardo Arango, arrived yesterday to reclaim his consulate but was turned away.

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Railwaymen to strike over health service

By John Spicer, Employment Affairs Correspondent

Train drivers based at King's Cross *station in London plan* to strike for 24 hours from midnight on Sunday in support of the National Health Service.

British Rail says they will be sacked or it will take legal action against them.

The drivers, all members of the Associated Society of Locomotive Engineers and Firemen (Aslef), passed a resolution to take *action in* protest at "the continued rundown of the NHS and to support hospital workers taking action".

The branch is to ask members of the National Union of Railwaymen who work at the terminus to join the strike.

BR countered that any such *unofficial action would be a* breach of their contracts of employment. If the 24-hour strike went ahead, it would sue *for compensation.*

Seized Briton free and well

From Juan Carlos Gumacio, west Beirut

Mr Peter Coleridge, the British *relief worker* seized by radical Palestinian guerrillas in southern Lebanon last week, was freed unharmed yesterday, saying he committed a big mistake by taking photographs of a Palestinian refugee camp frequently targeted by the Israeli Air Force.

"I respect what was done to us for good reason and I respect the way we were *treated,*" the 44-year-old Oxfam area co-ordinator told reporters at the home of Mr Mustapha Saad, the leader of Sidon's most powerful militia, who successfully mediated on his behalf and that of Mr Omar Traboulsi, a Syrian national who heads Oxfam's Beirut office.

Mr Coleridge looked fit and in good spirits as he answered questions in fluent Arabic, but

Mr Peter Coleridge: He was well treated by captors.

he gave only the basic details of his ordeal. He said he did not know who held him and his colleague for six days and described his experience as a "detention", not a kidnapping.

There was little doubt that *Mr Coleridge and Mr Tra*boulsi had been taken by guerrillas of the Fatah-Revolutionary Council of the *Palestinian radical leader Abu* Nidal.

At the same news conference Mr Walid Khaled, the spokesman of the *Abu Nidal* group, explained that the pair had been held "for questioning as a precautionary mea*sure after taking pictures in* military zones of (the Palestinian refugee camp of) Ein el-Helweh without obtaining a permission. We informed Mustapha Saad upon their detention that they were being interrogated."

He added: "We practised our natural right in preserving the safety and security of our

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Super Tuesday runners cast off Southern garb

From Frank Johnson Washington

Voting on "Super Tuesday" yesterday ended weeks in which the rest of America was forced to think about the South as a geographical entity more *often than at* any time since the last shots of the Civil War (1865) or, to give the primary its full historical significance, the opening shots of *Gone With The Wind* (1939).

Magnificant black choirs, comprised of huge ladies, hymned the arrivals of the Rev Jesse Jackson (Democrat). As he spoke, Mr Jackson's crowds wept and cried "Amen", no matter how secular the subject — the need to curb the federal deficit being transformed into a fit subject for religious ecstasy under the power of his impassioned oratory.

Mr Pat Robertson (Republican) assured his audiences: "Mah daddy was a Southern Senator." Senator Albert Gore (Democrat) also had a "daddy" who was a Southern Senator, and ran a campaign which seemed to be based solely on the additional *information that Gore, jun., was also* one too.

Vice-President George Bush, faced with the problem of his having been

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born in New England, emphasized that *from his days as a Texas* congressmen he had a home in Houston. It is a suite in the Houstonian Hotel, actually. But he made it sound for all the world like one of the last manned outposts from Texas's war with Mexico.

Governor Dukakis, of Massachusetts (Democrat), looking short, dark and Greek, was the only candidate in danger of appearing *too* Southern. He compensated by insisting that the South was very similar to the rest of America, a theory which had the further merit of being true.

Senator Gore danced to a country band. Governor Dukakis went on the morning walk for senior citizens organized every day by a town in Florida — several senior citizens being walked over by goons carrying the "bazookas and hand-held missiles" which were supposed to be filming the stroll for the midday television news.

Every candidate eats brave amounts of grits — the grim regional delicacy, made of mashed corn, which tastes like our own wartime semolina pudding and looks like molten cocaine. Senator Gary Hart was in the mêlée somewhere, drawing hardly any votes but plenty of prurient crowds — a legend in his own bedtime.

The ever-anxious-to-please Vice-President Bush, visiting a fishermans' fair, confided to the crowd of fisherman-voters: "I'll tell you something. If this country ever loses its interest in sports or ever loses its interest in fishing, we got trouble and I don't think that's going to ever happen."

In that case, why raise the possible loss of fishing as if it were yet another imagined threat to the American way of life? No matter. The crowd

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Foam blamed as four die in blaze

Polyurethane foam in a three-piece suite was blamed for the rapid spread of a fire yesterday in which four members of a family died. A fireball turned the house in Redditch, Hereford and Worcester, into an inferno. firemen said.

Eight people had gathered at the house, the home of Mr Alistair McFadyen, aged 52, and his wife Doris, aged 50, for the funeral of his mother-in-law, Mrs Annie Sneddon. The funeral was due yesterday.

Mr McFadyen died in the blaze, along with Mrs Mary Sneddon, aged 48, her son Mr Scott Sneddon, aged 20, and Mrs Susan Pearman, aged 70, who were all from Glasgow. Mrs McFadyen escaped with her son Craig, aged 17, daughter Karen, aged 25, and her daughter's boyfriend, Mr Cornelius O'Shea, aged 25. The fire started in the lounge, where one of the men was sleeping, and may have been caused by a cigarette.

More than 20 people have died this year from fires involving the two most common types of foam, which the Government is planning to ban.

Prisoners captured

Two men facing murder charges were recaptured yesterday, less than 48 hours after they and five others escaped from cells at a south London magistrates' court.

Mr Dominic Mahon and Mr David Carroll were arrested in Walworth, south-east London, but there is still no news of the other five men, three of whom are on conspiracy charges relating to drugs. Another is charged with robbery and the fifth with possession of a firearm.

Mr Douglas Hurd, the Home Secretary, has ordered an inquiry into the escapes.

Children get cancer

Leukaemia in a boy aged eight and cancer in a girl aged two were yesterday confirmed in an area of Humberside where 14 similar cases have been recorded in seven years.

Experts say the odds against such a concentration are one million to one, leading people in the affected area, the villages of Kirk Ella, Willerby and Anlaby, west of Hull, to call for a special monitoring of pollution.

Humberside County Council last week set up a committee to examine the problem.

Maxwell books plea

Hundreds of booksellers yesterday received a letter from solicitors acting for Mr Robert Maxwell, chairman of Mirror Group Newspapers, asking them to give an undertaking not to sell copies of two books about the publisher's life.

On Monday, Mr Maxwell abandoned his attempt in the High Court to have an injunction imposed on the book *Maxwell – the Outsider*, by Tom Bower and published by Aurum Books. This followed the lifting of an injunction on *Maxwell – A Portrait of Power* by Peter Thompson and Anthony Delano.

Kidnap charges

An alleged terrorist refused to stand in the Irish High Court yesterday when he faced new charges relating to the kidnapping of a dentist.

Mr Desmond O'Hare, aged 29, remained seated in the dock when the charges were read. Mr O'Hare, his wife Clare, aged 27, and three others are charged with offences including falsely imprisoning Mr John O'Grady.

Mr Edward Hogan, aged 33, was further charged with the attempted murder of a detective when police freed Mr O'Grady on November 5.

Breakfast campaign

The Government is to launch its campaign to persuade more businessmen to invest in the inner cities with a series of working breakfasts around the country.

Mr Kenneth Clarke, the Minister for Trade and Industry, who is co-ordinating Whitehall policy on the regeneration programme, is to be host for at least six seminars. Up to 250 local businessmen will be invited to each. The series begins on April 13 in Newcastle upon Tyne, and other breakfasts will be held in cities including Leeds, Manchester, Liverpool and London.

Pier led to collapse

A train plunged into a river, killing four people, when flooding caused a support pier on a rail bridge to collapse, an inquiry at Llandeilo, Dyfed, was told yesterday.

Three passengers and the driver drowned when the leading coach of the Swansea-to-Shrewsbury train plunged into the swollen River Tywi last October. The inquiry was told that part of the structure of the Glanrhyd Bridge, near Cardigan, west Wales, was pushed 15 feet downstream.

The inquiry is continuing.

'Nazi' evidence plea

A world-wide appeal for evidence against alleged Nazi war criminals living in Britain was announced yesterday by the independent inquiry team set up by the Government.

Mr Douglas Hurd, the Home Secretary, has said he does not have enough evidence to support prosecution. Evidence should be submitted to War Crimes Inquiry, c/o The Home Office, 50 Queen Anne's Gate, London, SW1H 9AT.

Fighting talk as Owen launches 'fourth force'

By Martin Fletcher
Political Reporter

Dr David Owen's breakaway SDP was relaunched yesterday with bold predictions by its leaders that it would field at least 100 candidates to fight the next general election and several hundred at the local elections in two months time.

Dr Owen, the former foreign secretary who faces political extinction if the venture fails, insisted that the party was a permanent feature of the political landscape and would continue to wield an influence out of all proportion to its size.

Flanked by the party's two other MPs and a reconstituted national committee, he predicted that its initial membership of around 25,000 would double "fairly soon". It would draw people never previously members of a political party and would have an annual budget of more than £1 million.

The SDP, under the slogan "The Independent Force", would grow and prosper because it would be the only opposition group offering the credible alternative to Thatcherism of social concern, sound defence and a belief in an entrepreneurial market economy.

"Democratic politics requires three essentials – courage, conviction and compromise. The continuing SDP has demonstrated that it has all three essential characteristics", Dr Owen said.

"I believe that the zest of having a national committee behind us who all believe in the continuing need for the SDP as a fourth political party, contributing permanently to politics, is an immense asset.

"It will be the first time in the party's nearly seven-year history that its governing body is composed entirely of people who have no doubt that the SDP was created deliberately, consciously as a fourth party. It is here to stay and it is going to make a permanent addition to British politics."

Mr John Cartwright, who is to be the party's president, said the party was "back in business under new management but determined to go on doing the things we set out to do in 1981 when the SDP was launched".

Leaders of the new Social and Liberal Democratic Party are determined to make no deals with the SDP, believing it has no strength to speak of at grassroots level, and hope to strangle it at birth in the May council elections.

Mr Cartwright insisted that when the dust of the last few acrimonious months had settled, common sense would prevail and some sort of agreement would be reached between the two parties. If not, there would be "an appropriate response" – a reference to the possibility of the SDP fielding "wrecking" candidates against sitting SLDP MPs.

In the next general election the SDP would expect to fight the seats where it was strongest. Asked how many that would be, he said "three figures is not an unreasonable starting position . . . We should not be too greedy and the SLDP should not be too mean".

If there was a by-election the SDP would expect to fight the seat if it was strong in the constituency, but would not specify where the SDP considered itself strongest. In the May elections it would have "in the order of several hundred candidates".

End dockers' jobs-for-life scheme, say employers

By Roland Rudd

Port employers yesterday announced a package of measures to persuade the Government to end the National Dock Labour Scheme.

However, Mr John Connolly, national docks officer for the Transport and General Workers Union, said that any move to scrap the scheme, which effectively prevents the dismissal of registered dock workers, would be met with a national strike.

Employers are considering offering the current workforce a guaranteed job for life if the Government abolishes the scheme.

The union and the National Association of Port Employers, representing ports which operate the policy, said they had prepared for a national docks strike after receiving signals from the Government that it might be prepared to change the law.

Mrs Thatcher has so far resisted pressure from her own backbenchers and the port employers to end the scheme, believing it will eventually run itself out of existence. The 50,000 dockers who were covered by the legislation 30 years ago have dwindled to 9,945.

Yesterday, the Department of Employment indicated there were no plans at present to change its policy.

New ports, which are not covered by the 1947 legislation, have prospered at the expense of the country's traditional ports, by attracting the bulk of the modern container and roll-on roll-off traffic.

In the event of a strike a key question would be whether the 3,700 workers operating in the new ports, not covered by the docks scheme, would come out in support of the transport union's members.

Mr Connolly believes they would. "If a docks delegate conference recommends industrial action, which is backed by a majority of members, we have assurances from dockers that they would join any stoppage."

However, the employers say that if all 9,945 dockers who work under the scheme were guaranteed a job they would no longer be striking for their livelihoods but for a principle which is not enshrined in any other Western European country.

Mr Nicholas Finney, director of the port employees, yesterday warned the union that a strike aimed at preventing the implementation of Government legislation could be in breach of the law.

Mr Finney believes the docks scheme should be abolished to allow ports in the inner cities to develop. He said British ports where the scheme operates can be four times more expensive for shippers than Continental rivals such as Rotterdam and Antwerp.

Mr Finney said that the employers had been handicapped by overmanning and had paid £400 million in severance money.

The British Ports Federation, which represents all the the country's ports, said it supported abolition of the scheme.

Employers fear that the 1976 attempt to widen the legislation, guaranteeing dockers' jobs for life in every port, could be resurrected if the law is not changed.

Mr Jonathan Stoogett, managing director of the Dover Harbour Board, which is not required to operate the scheme, confirmed that he would be willing to lose Dover's advantage over the traditional ports to see the Government put an end to the "restrictive practices" operating in the industry.

Land-Rover workers opposed to the pay strike will today stage a "back to work" rally in an attempt to put pressure on union leaders to call a fresh ballot on whether to end the three-week old stoppage.

Organizers of the meeting, to be held in a park close to the strike-hit factory at Solihull, West Midlands, expect up to half the 6,000 workers to attend. Shop stewards and pickets claim the meeting is the result of management manipulation and are confident the men will support the strike.

The strike, in its third week, is costing Land-Rover £3 million a day in lost production. The company has offered a 14 per cent wage increase over two years.

Rumbold in a hard sell

Mrs Angela Rumbold, Minister of State at the Department of Education, working 'her patch' at the Ideal Home Exhibition in London yesterday (Photograph: Chris Harris).

By Alan Hamilton

Down past the waterbeds and cane furniture Mrs Angela Rumbold, Minister of State at the Department of Education and Science, stepped boldly into the aisle of the Ideal Home Exhibition like an earnest double glazing representative and beards two passing female innocents with a fistful of leaflets.

"Are you interested in the GCSE?" the deputy head salesperson for new, improved "Baker" brand education with added miracle ingredient Core Curriculum, asks. The first victim looks first bewildered, then suspicious. "No", she says flatly, shuffling off sideways and clutching her handbag in an instinctive defence against the hard sell.

"Are you interested in becoming a school governor?" Mrs Rumbold asks the second victim, waving her promotional literature on parent power. "Oh no", the victim, who admits to being a parent, says. "But I've been on the parents' committee."

Mrs Rumbold finally corners a further victim browsing among the leaflets. "We're very proud of the GCSE", she says brightly. "Do have one of these", she says thrusting a leaflet into the surprised mother's hand.

"This would be a misuse of public funds if we were doing anything other than promoting those parts of the education reform programme which are already in legislation", Mrs Rumbold said, defending her department's decision to take a stand at the Ideal Home Exhibition to explain what Mr Kenneth Baker is doing to our schools.

But what about the National Curriculum, which figures in large letters on the display boards but which is still the subject of parliamentary debate?

"If anyone wants to know about that, we would have to preface anything by saying 'assuming this becomes law'." Mrs Rumbold counters defensively.

But what people want to know about are the new GCSE examinations, and staff on the stand report that the relevant leaflet is being snapped up as though it were a freshly-printed crib sheet. "We have had every reaction from 'you're lowering the standards' to 'you're making them work too hard'," one official reports.

Three girls aged 14 from Selwyn School, Gloucester, who came to the show to pick up some hints for a textiles project, are pounced on by Mrs Rumbold and quizzed about their impending GCSE examinations.

"We're sometimes up until 11 o'clock doing our homework", they report. "Most people get their mums and dads to do it when it gets too much."

"What you're really saying is that some of the subjects ask a bit too much of you?" Mrs Rumbold says. "My sister thinks it a lot more demanding than O levels, but at least you don't need a photographic memory any more", Claire Stringer, aged 14, reports. Judging by the Minister of State's satisfied expression, this appears to be the right answer.

Mrs Rumbold poses for the cameras in front of a bank of video screens which trumpet educational sales slogans such as "Remember, it's their tomorrow", while showing a picture of a teacher demonstrating a nuclear reactor. "I am here to get parents interested in becoming governors", Mrs Rumbold says, a shade desperately.

After 40 minutes and a disappointing lack of contact, beyond the encircling wall of photographers and officials, with real people who are falling over themselves to become school governors, Mrs Rumbold departs to attend the most serious business of the standing committee on the education Bill.

Critics attack GCSE report

By Sarah Thompson
Education Reporter

An "encouraging" school inspectors' report on the progress of the controversial General Certificate of Secondary Education after four terms was attacked by critics of the examination yesterday.

School inspectors looked at progress in more than 500 schools and concluded that "the new examination has started reasonably well".

Their critics, however, complained that the inspectors have evaded the real issue: whether the one-for-all, continually assessed exam is valid in its present form.

Mr Chris McGovern, the head of history at Lewes Priory Upper School, who is under threat of disciplinary action for airing his fears on GCSE to parents, said: "The inspectors should have focused on the Secondary Examinations Council. They are the people who validated subject criteria which were just invalid and which in the case of history at least derived from a very small amount of work by the Schools Council."

The inspectors maintain that the GCSE has "already had a positive effect in the better teaching and learning in many classrooms".

They acknowledge fears that the least and most able pupils may suffer, but largely blame schools: "Where these difficulties are real the papers will need to be changed, but many young people are not being entered for these examinations because schools under-estimate the levels of achievement that less able pupils can reach with good teaching and courses".

The widely publicized problems – the 39 hour a week homework schedules, the teachers labouring for hours to assess course work, the allegedly badly set specimen papers, and syllabuses either overloaded or lacking in factual content – were dismissed by the inspectors as "teething problems".

Sir Rhodes Boyson, Conservative MP for Brent North and a former education minister, said: "They do not answer my worries about the stress on project (course) work. The pupil from a home which gives support will get help from all the family in his project. The pupil from a tower block will get no help and no wonder he drops out early."

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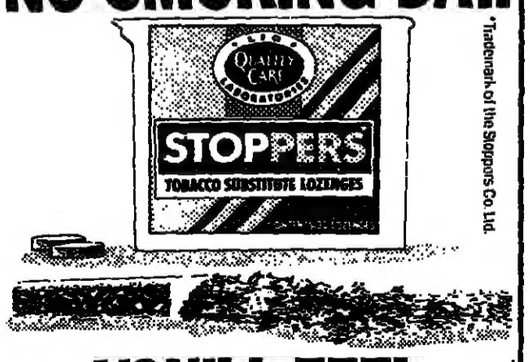

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DPP faces challenge by lawyers

By Frances Gibb
Legal Affairs Correspondent

Lawyers in the Crown Prosecution Service won the right in the High Court yesterday to bring legal proceedings against the Director of Public Prosecutions (DPP) over what they claim is unlawful use of non-qualified staff to decide which cases should go to court.

The lawyers' union, the First Division Association, is claiming that Mr Allan Green, QC, the DPP, is in breach of the Prosecution of Offences Act, 1985, which set up the Crown Prosecution Service.

Mr Justice Macpherson ruled yesterday that the First Division Association, which represents some 800 lawyers in the service, had an arguable case, and granted the union leave to challenge in the High Court the screening system adopted by the CPS.

Mr Thomas Scott Baker, QC, argued that the DPP was acting unlawfully in delegating the task of "case screening" to clerks who were not legally qualified. This work, in summary cases only, included vetting evidence and deciding if it was in the public interest for a prosecution to be mounted.

These tasks should be carried out by a legally-qualified barrister or solicitor, he said.

The current practice meant that a case "need never go near a qualified lawyer until it ultimately gets to court".

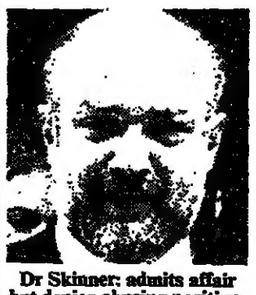
GP denies misconduct

Patients back doctor who had affair

By Howard Foster

The ladies of Swaffham arrived in force in London yesterday to support their local doctor when he faced a charge of serious professional misconduct over an affair with a patient.

Sporting large badges bearing the words "Save Our Doctor Skinner" the largely middle-aged group of 25 patients descended from their hired coach after a 100-mile journey from the Norfolk market town.



Dr Skinner: admits affair but denies abusing position.

They moved into the public and press gallery of the professional conduct committee's chamber at the General Medical Council offices, making it plain they would have no truck with the popular press.

"We have nothing to say except get out of the way", said one as they settled down to hear the evidence against Dr John Skinner. Dr Skinner admits an affair with the manager of his general practice, who was also a patient, but denied that he "abused his professional position".

Mrs Hazel Simpson, leader of the patients' delegation, said: "He is a marvellous doctor and surgeon as well. We don't know what we should do if he left us.

"We feel he does have a case to answer but we want him to stay. He has been here at least 13 years and we all like him an awful lot." Mrs Simpson organized a petition, which attracted nearly 4,000 signatures, in the Swaffham area supporting Dr Skinner.

Miss Rosalind Foster, for the GMC, told the hearing that both Mrs B and her husband had been patients and friends of Dr Skinner, who lives at Station Street, Swaffham. In 1984 Mrs B started work at his surgery, later becoming manager.

Mrs B's marriage went through a bad patch. Miss Foster said: "Dr Skinner was in possession of a considerable amount of information relating to the complainants' matrimonial problems, thus rendering Mrs B more than usually vulnerable".

A few days after Mrs B and her husband held a party to celebrate their 40th birthdays, the doctor had kissed and fondled Mrs B at the surgery. In the following weeks sexual intercourse took place in a number of locations, including a favourite spot in the countryside.

Mrs B's husband confided to Dr Skinner that he suspected his wife was having an affair, but Mrs B's demeanour was explained by the doctor as menstrual problems or tiredness.

In August 1986 Mrs B and Dr Skinner were confronted by her husband. The doctor ended the affair.

"Mr and Mrs B struggled to salvage their marriage but the confidence and security has been seriously impaired by the doctor's action", Miss Foster said.

Mrs B, who is 41, said she and her husband had come under a "tremendous amount of psychological pressure" when they decided to complain to the GMC about Dr Skinner's conduct.

Mrs B agreed she had spoken to other people about the possibility of leaving her husband before her affair with Dr Skinner.

The hearing continues today.

Doctor struck off for refusing visits

A doctor who refused to visit a critically ill patient at home was struck off for 12 months by the General Medical Council yesterday.

The council's disciplinary committee was told that Mr Fred Sansom was so ill that he was eventually rushed into intensive care where he spent five days and was given the last rites three times.

Mr Sansom and his wife Betty said that for a month they had been trying to persuade Dr Aditi Biswas to come to their home in Lordship Road, Stoke Newington, north London, after drugs prescribed for him proved ineffective.

"I pleaded with Dr Biswas. I was crying. I thought I was dying", Mr Sansom told the committee.

He was then taken to hospital suffering from bronchopneumonia after she twice refused to make a home visit.

Dr Biswas admitted she had not visited the patient and added: "I know I should have. With hindsight, it would have been better if I had."

The committee found Dr Biswas guilty of serious professional misconduct.

She denied disregarding her professional responsibility after receiving information of Mr Sansom's deteriorating condition on six occasions.

She also denied that when a visit was requested, the patient's condition required urgent medical attention.

The committee has given her 28 days to appeal against the decision.

'Big cut' in legal aid eligibility

By Frances Gibb
Legal Affairs Correspondent

There has been a huge cut in the number of people who qualify for legal aid for civil cases, according to a former official in the Lord Chancellor's Department.

Mr Cyril Glasser, a former consultant to the Lord Chancellor's Legal Aid Advisory Committee, says just over half the population now qualify compared with more than 80 per cent in 1979.

He says that government estimates of the number of people who can obtain civil legal aid may inadvertently be overstated by as much as 20 per cent.

Writing in this week's *Law Society Gazette*, Mr Glasser, a London solicitor, says that government statements over the past nine years have consistently estimated some 70 per cent of the population are eligible for civil legal aid.

But from 1979 to 1986, an estimated 13 million people, or more than 25 per cent of the population, stopped being eligible on income grounds alone.

Under 60 per cent of households and just over half the population are now eligible for civil legal aid, he says.

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Life for executive who pushed wife off cliff to wed Filipino

By Kerry Gill

William Crowe, who pushed his wife to her death from a Scottish cliff top, was yesterday jailed for life after being found guilty of murder.

He had forced his wife, Mona, to whom he had been married for 33 years, over cliffs near Arbroath in September 1985 so that he would be free to marry a Filipino woman he had not met.

Crowe, aged 58, a former marketing manager, of Strathbeg Place, Broughty Ferry, Dundee, was found guilty of murder by a majority after the week-long trial before Lord Milligan at the High Court in Stonehaven, Grampian. The jury took less than two hours to reach its verdict.

Crowe had denied murder. The court was told that he had begun writing to June Casayuran from Manila in the Philippines, whom he contacted through an agency based in Blackpool. Crowe wrote to her that he was a widower and that his wife had died from breast cancer.

Crowe appeared outwardly to be the epitome of middle-class success.

A reserved, almost austere man, he had risen from the shop floor to own a luxurious bungalow outside Dundee, enjoy foreign holidays with his family and hold managerial positions with local companies.

His wife's death at the foot of the 100ft cliffs, at a place known as "the Mariners' Grave", appeared at first to have been a tragic accident.

The truth emerged only two years later. Crowe had written to the Orient Express agency in Lancashire, several months before the death of his wife, stating that he was a widower and was looking for a Filipino wife.

By June 1986 Crowe had met, wooed and married Miss Casayuran at the Trinity Church, Dundee. However the marriage was destined to fail.

Crowe became concerned at his new wife's obvious desire for the high-spending life of western Europe. His first shock came when the telephone bill arrived, for £1,000. She had spent much of her time telephoning relatives in the Philippines.

Meanwhile neighbours told her that Crowe's first wife had not died from breast cancer but had fallen from cliffs.

She was able to deduce that Crowe had first written to her three months before his wife's death.

Then she discovered that Crowe had been in touch with an organization known as the Filipino Bridal Agency seeking a replacement wife.

In October 1986 she left Crowe and later divorced him.

Crowe soon secured another, third wife, Emelita Santos, aged 26, a Manila social worker, known to him as Emy. The couple met in Dundee when she was visiting a friend. They were married in Dundee register office in 1987.

Emelita said that she did not believe the story of Crowe's first wife's death.

"Her death destroyed him. Sometimes I would ask him what their marriage was like and he would choke on his tears.

"He told me she had fallen to her death from the cliffs, but he would never talk about the circumstances. I never pressed him", she said.

Crowe, a member of the Communist Party, later took to the church and the couple began worshipping regularly at an organization known as the Charismatic Fellowship in Perth Road, Dundee.

Last November, Emy returned to the Philippines for a holiday with her family. While there, she received a telephone call from her husband's son, William, telling her that Crowe had been arrested for murder.

Detectives searched Crowe's house after immigration officials had questioned his second wife, June.

Letters found in the house indicated that he had written to June claiming he was a widower months before his wife's death.

Photographs of Crowe, sent to June, showed him posing in places near Dundee. Police calculated that they were taken in the early summer of 1985, because of the lack of foliage on the trees.

Palace honour for ferry heroes

Lieutenant-Commanders Guido Couwenbergh and Alfons Daems (top); Mr Andrew Parker with his wife, Eleanor, and daughter, Janice (above); and (right), Mrs Lynda Skippern with the George Medal awarded posthumously to her husband.

By Howard Foster

Heroes and heroines of the Zeebrugge ferry disaster received their bravery awards yesterday from the Queen at Buckingham Palace. Lieutenant-Commander Guido Couwenbergh, the first Belgian navy diver on the scene, received the Queen's Gallantry Medal for his part in pulling 50 passengers from the flooded sea-deck.

Lieutenant-Commander Alfons Daems, the chief navy diver, also received the QGM.

Mr Stephen Homewood, aged 34, assistant purser of the ferry, one of 27 men and women receiving awards, said: "This honour is for the people who can't be here today".

Mr Andrew Parker, the 6ft 3in bank official from Herne Hill, south London, who acted as a human bridge over which passengers scrambled to safety, was presented with the George Medal. Mrs Lynda Skippern, the widow of Michael Skippern, aged 30, head waiter in the Herald, who died helping others to safety, received her husband's posthumous George Medal at a private investiture in the blue drawing room.

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Prize stirs Greek memories

A former sub-postmaster who has longed to return to Greece since he fought on the border with Albania during the Second World War is among six people who share yesterday's Times Portfolio Gold competition prize of £4,000. Each wins £666.66.

Mr Lawrence McCallum, of Chilworth, Guildford, Surrey, will be using his winnings to pay for a holiday for himself and his wife, Joan, in Greece.

"I have always wanted to see Athens, particularly the Acropolis, and this will come in very useful towards paying for it", he said.

Another winning couple, Mr James Stewart and his wife, Joan, will be using their money for a less distant holiday and are hoping to visit a sick relative in Ulster. "It was a very pleasant surprise", Mr Stewart, a retired furniture buyer, of Baillie Terrace, Edinburgh, said.

The other winners were Mr P D Bulpitt, of Carroll Close, Branksome, Poole, Dorset; Miss E Porter, of Longfield Gardens, Tring, Hertfordshire; Mr N Wills, of Meadow Side, Cambridge Park, Twickenham, west London; and Mr Tony Nugent, of Woodside, Wimbledon, south London.

Butterfly axe

Five acres of trees on the National Trust's Sherborne Estate in the Cotswolds are to be thinned to protect a group of rare caterpillars which dislike shade.

Long arm ...

Two handcuffed prisoners made a dash for freedom from Luton Magistrates' Court yesterday morning, only for one to go one side of a lamp post and one the other. They crashed together, leaving one with chest injuries and the other with a dislocated wrist.

Aids in Europe

Virus likely to infect 10m by 1991

By Thomson Prentice, Science Correspondent

Up to 10 million people across Europe will be infected with the Aids virus by 1991 with 100,000 of them suffering from the disease, according to new estimates by World Health Organization researchers.

The cost of caring for patients and preventing further spread of the epidemic will then cost European countries a total of about £3 billion a year, the experts predict.

Separate research shows that in Britain, there will be rapid increases in the number of children with Aids who were infected by their mothers, while the number of cases of the disease among heterosexuals will grow slowly, doubling every 12 months or so.

Their predictions were published yesterday at the opening in London of a three-day international conference on the disease attended by more than 1,000 specialists.

More than 250 British children are known to be infected with the Aids virus, most of them because their mothers were drug abusers who used contaminated needles. About 20 of those children have developed Aids and about half of them have died.

According to a study carried out at the Government's Communicable Disease Surveillance Centre, there will be a rapid increase in the number or children born with the virus

Many of these cases will emerge among children aged between five and 13 years because either they or their parents are haemophiliacs who became infected through contaminated blood products.

Another CDSC report published at the conference suggests that the rate of increase of Aids among homosexual and bisexual men will begin to slow down from 1990 onwards with a slow increase in the number of heterosexual cases and a rapid surge of Aids among drug injectors.

The conference was opened yesterday by Mr Antony Newton, the Minister for Health, who defended the Government's Aids publicity campaign.

"Although research has shown widespread public support for our campaign, the approach of targeting the general population has been criticized in some quarters for being both unnecessary and alarmist", he said.

"It is certainly true that so far, unlike the position in some other countries, we are aware of relatively few cases of infection acquired as a result of heterosexual activity. Nevertheless I believe it is right in the UK to warn the general public."

He said that the spread of infection in the general population was limited.

● The latest Aids figures for Scotland, released by the Scottish Home and Health Department, show that to the end of February there were 47 cases, of whom 23 had died.

Sufferers included 31 homosexual or bisexual males and three intravenous drug users. One was presumed to have contracted Aids through heterosexual activity abroad and the remainder were the recipients of infected blood or blood products.

The HIV virus is likely to be more prevalent in British prisons than officially acknowledged, according to an Aids expert who gave a lecture in London yesterday (Peter Evans writes).

Dr Timothy Harding, principal medical officer at Geneva prison and reader in legal medicine at Geneva University, said more than 10 per cent of the prisoners in western Europe may be HIV carriers.

But the Prison Department told *The Times* that since late 1984 and early 1985 in England and Wales a total of 164 cases of HIV positive had been identified and 51 of them were still in prison. One prisoner developed Aids and died in an outside hospital in 1985.

Dr Harding said that the "extremely low" figure reported from England and Wales was surprising in view of the known high level of drug dependent prisoners in English prisons, but might well reflect a low level of screening.

The Prison Department said that doctors were not empowered to take blood from a patient without his or her consent. Inmates were questioned to see if they had been at risk.

A spokesman agreed that the Department therefore did not know exactly how many inmates were HIV positive.

Dr Harding called for the implementation of measures proposed by the World Health Organization. One was that prisoners with Aids should be considered for compassionate early release to die in dignity and freedom.

Dr Harding was addressing a seminar on health issues in prison, convened by the National Association for the Care and Resettlement of Offenders.

Mother 'put child in tumble drier'

A mother put her son aged two inside a tumble drier and switched it on, spinning him round two or three times, Nottingham Crown Court was told yesterday.

The woman, aged 25 and from Lincolnshire, denies two charges of child cruelty and three of assault.

Judge Hopkin made an order that the child should not be identified.

The child was not hurt after going round inside the drier but he was very badly shaken, the court was told.

On another occasion the mother had dipped the boy's penis into a hot cup of tea for 20 seconds and later the same day punched him on the mouth, causing swelling. The alleged incidents were said to have happened at a house in Balderton, near Newark, Nottinghamshire.

One witness described how she saw the boy in the drier. The mother switched it on and was "falling about laughing".

The hearing continues today.

Voucher plea for social care

By Jill Sherman, Social Services Correspondent

People with special needs should be given vouchers to buy community care, according to a government-commissioned report, published today.

The report, from an independent committee chaired by Lady Wagner, suggests that people needing residential care, domiciliary help or social services support should be able to buy in appropriate services.

They would be issued with a community care allowance or a voucher, equivalent to the cost of certain services, which they could either spend directly or exchange for local authority, voluntary or private services.

Alternatively, they could bank the sum with the area social services office where a nominated social worker would assemble a package of care services.

The Wagner committee was commissioned by the Department of Health and Social Security in 1985 to review the role of residential care.

The report, which has taken more than two years to complete, concludes that people must be given more choice over the care they receive and services should be monitored

"At the moment you get either porridge or no porridge", Lady Wagner, a former chairman of Dr Barnardo's, said yesterday. "People ought to have far more choice. Residential care must be seen as a positive choice for people to make. We must get rid of the stigma and fear now attached to it."

The report says that local authorities should do all they can to allow people to stay in their own homes and those who do go into residential homes should be allowed a trial period.

It is likely that the voucher system will be compatible with a report on community care from the Prime Minister's adviser on health, Sir Roy Griffiths, due to be published next week.

The Griffiths report will argue that local authorities should have the main responsibility for providing community care and that they should have the powers to buy in packages of care from other sectors.

Residential Care: A Positive Choice (Stationery Office; £6.50). *Residential Care: The Research Reviewed* (Stationery Office; £9).

Constable put crimes on his own computer

A special constable who stored details of his work on his personal computer at home will be prosecuted by the Government's Data Protection Service.

Officers from the Registrar's enforcement branch raided the man's home in Burton upon Trent, Staffordshire, after a judge granted them their first warrant.

The Data Protection Service began operation last year under new legislation giving the public access to personal information stored on computer.

The officer was reported by one of his own colleagues after it was discovered he was entering details of car numbers and events he felt were suspicious.

Racehorse trainer 'swindled owner'

By Ian Smith

The Jordanian owner of a champion racehorse was systematically swindled out of racing expenses by a trainer before the gelding fell during a televised hurdle meeting and had to be destroyed, a crown court jury was told yesterday.

Mr John Kay, QC, for the prosecution, said that Mr Roger Fisher had capitalized on the owner's lengthy absences abroad, his preoccupation with complex business matters and English language difficulties to charge grossly inflated bills for training and upkeep.

Mr Kay told Preston Crown Court, Lancashire, that the racehorse, Ekbalco, rose to prominence during the four years he was stabled at Great Head House, at Bardsea, near Ulverston, Cumbria.

He said Ekbalco had finished second in his second race in late 1979 and won for the first time in February 1980 at Bangor, north Wales. In the next four seasons, he won 11 times.

However, the horse had met a sudden and tragic end while running in the Fighting Fifth Hurdle at Newcastle in November 1983, Mr Kay said.

Mr Fisher, aged 45, has pleaded not guilty to three charges of obtaining property by deception, two of attempted deception, two offences of theft and one of forgery involving a total of £49,200.

Mr Kay said all the offences involved continued overcharging for training, veterinary, stabling and travel costs. The Crown alleged the scale and frequency of the overcharging made clear it was caused by deliberate dishonesty.

The court was told that Mr Fisher had purchased the racehorse, then an unbroken three-year-old, at Doncaster for £10,000 after a business meeting with Mr Tawfiq Shakir Fakhouri.

Mr Kay said that possibly because of language difficulties, Mr Fakhouri thought he was the sole owner. However, he had agreed to share equally any prizemoney with Mr Fisher in return for half-price training and stabling costs.

He said Mr Fisher had insisted that he had been given joint ownership of Ekbalco. In February 1982, he sold his share in the horse for £30,000.

On one occasion, Mr Fakhouri was charged for steroid injections which could not have been given because it was the racing season.

Mr Kay said that Mr Mohammed Saify, who took charge of Mr Fakhouri's British affairs in August 1982, quickly found he was being charged full training costs and was being asked to pay for work which was not carried out.

He said Ekbalco was insured for £60,000. After his death, an insurance company sent a cheque for £30,000 to Mr Fisher which should have been forwarded to Mr Fakhouri. Instead, the trainer had forged the owner's signature, paid the money to his own bank account and sent a cheque to Jordan for £25,820.

The case continues today.

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Kinnock attacks Thatcher over rise in the pound

PRIME MINISTER

The continuing rise in the value of the pound against other currencies led to sharp exchanges between **Mr Neil Kinnock** and the Prime Minister.

Mrs Thatcher maintained at question time that getting and keeping inflation down was the first priority of Government policy.

Mr Kinnock said that there was a record trade deficit and the balance of payments continued to deteriorate. In those circumstances was the Prime Minister content to see the pound continuing to rise against the Deutsche Mark and the dollar?

Mrs Thatcher said that the only way to deal with that was either to have excessive intervention — which would lead to inflation and that was no part of Government policy, which was aimed at getting inflation down — or to deal with the matter by interest rates, and that was not in the interest of inflation at the present time.

Mr Kinnock: So is she saying that it does not matter how high the pound goes?

Mrs Thatcher: I am saying that getting and keeping inflation down is the most important thing of all. He is aware that the Government believes last month's figures were a freak.

At the same time as last month's figures were announced there was a reduction in the deficit of the December figures. There has also been a reduction in the current account deficit for 1987.

Mr Kinnock said that the United Kingdom had the highest real interest rates in the industrialized world, a balance of trade deficit, the balance of payments was continuing to deteriorate, there was the lowest-ever level of personal savings and the highest level of personal debt.

"How long does she think that condition can continue?"

Mrs Thatcher said that if he looked at the figures he would see that the balance of payments deficit was very small compared with those of the Labour Government — (Conservative cheers and Labour interruptions) — very small indeed. Last year it had been £2.5 billion, which was precisely what the Chancellor had forecast in the Budget and he had been the one forecaster who had been spot on.

● The lessons of the success of targeting money specifically on reducing hospital waiting lists are being learnt, **Mrs Thatcher** said during question time.

Sir John Farr (Harborough, C) asked: Can the Prime Minister explain why we are spending so much on the National Health Service but there are so many complaints? Can she reiterate that the NHS is safe in her hands (laughter)?

Mrs Thatcher: I recollect very well Labour Party budget days and their control and management of economic policy leading to the slashing of hospital capital expenditure and cuts in pay for doctors and nurses.

Mr Robert McCrindle (Brentwood and Ongar, C): Will she reflect on the fact that by targeting a relatively small amount of money to the reduction of waiting lists, there has been considerable success.

If further amounts were invested, targeted directly on acute services, it might, for a small additional outlay, provide disproportionate benefits.

Mrs Thatcher: I am very much aware of what he says, that money, instead of going generally, was targeted to getting waiting lists down, and we shall learn the lessons.

Tory protest over 'gay' videos

Some teachers of infant children in Haringey, London, were reported to be misusing Home Office funds to produce videos promoting terrorism in South Africa and homosexuality. *Dame Jill Knight* (Birmingham, Edgbaston, C) (above) told the Prime Minister during question time. This came after earlier reports, she said, that Haringey council was funding a bookshop which was selling anarchist literature (Labour laughter. *A Labour MP: The Guardian*).

Dame Jill: Does the Prime Minister feel that this is a right and proper use of taxpayers' and ratepayers' money?

Mrs Thatcher said that the matter of the bookshop had been raised in the House last week, and that the point about the use of Home Office grants referred to section 11 grants to help children from ethnic minority communities to achieve their full educational potential.

"The Home Office is investigating allegations that the grant is being used for other purposes. If that is the case, it may be withdrawn. The Department of Education and Science is also looking at the possibility that Haringey may have contravened their statutory duty to forbid the promotion of partisan political views and to ensure that political issues are presented in a balanced way.

"They are looking at the matter with a view to taking action."

Korea feels EEC anger

MPs agreed without a division early on Tuesday to remove tariff exemptions from iron and steel products of the Republic of Korea. The exemptions are part of the EEC Generalized System of Preferences for developing countries.

Mr Alan Clark, Minister of State for Trade, said that the action was in retaliation for an agreement reached between South Korea and the US on intellectual property rights. It had become clear that Korea had no intention of extending the same concessions to other trading partners, particularly the EEC.

It was estimated that chemical and pharmaceutical firms lost $100 million in direct sales to Korea and three or four times that amount in sales to third markets. Korea gained £172 million a year under the scheme by which its goods entered the UK duty free. This Order removed that advantage until Korea returned to the negotiating table.

Gibraltar thanksgiving

The action against IRA terrorists in Gibraltar had shown the importance of maintaining the Prevention of Terrorism Act, **Mr David Harris** (St Ives, C) said during Prime Minister's questions. Mrs Thatcher agreed that it was important to retain the Act.

Mr Harris said that the Prime Minister should congratulate all those who had played a part in dealing with what would have been a dastardly terrorist attack, and should reject the criticism of the actions of the security services.

Mrs Thatcher: I agree that it is important to retain the Act. Most of us are are relieved that there is no repeat of the bombing of the Green Jackets, of the Horse Guards, of Enniskillen, or of Harrods at Christmas time.

Ferry debate is refused

Mr Brian Wilson (Cunninghame North, Lab) unsuccessfully sought an emergency debate on the continuing industrial dispute halting ferry services operated by Caledonian MacBrayne on the Clyde.

He said that many thousands of people living in the island communities affected by the dispute were facing severe difficulties, with increasing shortages of agricultural foodstuff and consumer goods.

Survey of teachers

The Government is to bring forward by a year a secondary teacher staffing survey, **Mrs Angela Rumbold**, Minister of State for Education, said in a written Commons answer. It will be held this month.

The aim was to establish up-to-date information on stocks of teachers, including those qualified to teach languages other than French. Likely demand for teachers, including modern language teachers, is being estimated in the light of the national curriculum.

Consultants get £60,000

Mr Nicholas Ridley, Secretary of State for the Environment, is to pay consultants £60,000 to study the costs of preparing for and collecting the community charge or poll tax.

Parliament today

Commons (2.30): Questions: Trade and industry. *Local Government Bill*, Lords amendments.
Lords (2.30): Debate on the importance of energy generation.

Peers fail to change trade union elections ruling

HOUSE OF LORDS

The Government's attempt in the Employment Bill to prevent some trade union leaders from avoiding having to stand for re-election by giving up their vote on their national executive committees was attacked by Opposition peers in the Lords.

But they failed to force a change to Clause 12, which extends to non-voting members of a union's NEC, and to the general secretary and president, the requirement for regular elections that applies to voting members.

An amendment, moved on the committee stage of the Bill by **Lady Turner of Camden**, chief Opposition spokesman on employment, was rejected by 152 votes to 118 — Government majority, 34. The amendment would have allowed unions to appoint such officers as general secretaries, rather than to elect them.

Lady Turner said that some unions in recent years had become more professional and employed full-time professional staff. The chief executive must have power to manage these enterprises.

Many white-collar unions had looked outside their ranks for suitable chief executives, and such a person could not be expected to win an election because at the time of appointment he would not be a member.

If a white-collar union was to persuade bright young professional people to become officials, it must be able to offer them some job security.

Such people would not expect a job for life, but would expect not to be unfairly dismissed or made redundant without compensation or pension rights, for instance.

It was malicious of the Bill to propose that these people should have to be elected.

The clause was originaly introduced to catch one particular union president, but pursuing individuals was no way to legislate. The clause would have a destabilizing effect.

Lady Seear (SLD) supported the amendment. She said that if these professional union leaders, who were virtually the civil servants of trade unions, had to look over their shoulder to see if they were pleasing the membership, their chances of making unions more efficient would be seriously undermined.

Lord Murray of Epping (Lab) said that appointed general secretaries were, in fact, more accountable to the NEC than were elected people.

Committee of Privileges

Forgiving member overlooks insult

A Labour MP's motion to refer an article in *The Guardian* to the Committee of Privileges was withdrawn by its mover after he had admitted being of a forgiving nature.

The article complained of was the newspaper's parliamentary sketch of March 2.

Mr Tony Banks (Newham North West, Lab), moving the motion, said that by nature he was not a whinger. He was prepared to hand it out and to accept it. But there were clear limits and the article by Andrew Rawnsley on March 2 grossly exceeded those limits.

It was gratuitously offensive to named MPs and slandered most of the others on the Labour side. His complaint had been that, in the debate on unemployment benefits on March 1, only a handful of Labour MPs were in the chamber (Conservative MPs: It is true!).

Mr Rawnsley had failed to mention that there were even fewer Tory MPs present (Labour laughter).

On the day in question Labour and Conservative MPs had been in committees or at a lobby of Parliament. In the circumstances, it was an insult for Mr Rawnsley to state that drink, laziness and incompetence were the reasons for the absence of MPs from the chamber. When he realized how foolish he had been, he had said that it was all meant to be light-hearted, but that merely added insult to injury.

Mr Ian Gow (Eastbourne, C) said that on June 19, 1984, Mr Banks had opposed a similar motion and told the House that it was "an unpardonable waste of parliamentary time" (loud Conservative laughter).

Mr David Steel, joint leader of the SLDP, said that *The Guardian* had apologized twice and that that ought to be the end of the matter.

Mr Eric Heffer (Liverpool, Walton, Lab) said that, while understanding the anger Mr Banks had felt about the allegations, there had been an apology and it should be accepted.

"There was a man who used to write here, Mr Frank Johnson. He pilloried me regularly but in a way that I used to roar with laughter about. I hope that those who now sketch write would follow the example of Mr Frank Johnson and do it that way, which is not harmful or nasty, but something we can fully appreciate."

Rifkind must resign, angry MPs say

Much of the following report of a Commons debate on the privatization of the electricity industry appeared in later editions yesterday.

There were angry demands from Labour MPs for the resignation of **Mr Malcolm Rifkind**, Secretary of State for Scotland, at the end of the debate on Monday night.

Mr Rifkind urged the South of Scotland Electricity Board and British Coal to get round a table to discuss their differences over the purchase of coal.

Winding up a debate on the privatization of electricity, he said that for understandable reasons the SSEB wanted to pay as little as possible and British Coal wanted to charge as much as possible. If they both approached the problem constructively, there was no reason why agreement could not be reached.

Mr Donald Dewar, chief Opposition spokesman on Scotland, had attacked the Scottish Office for remaining a passive spectator while the Scottish coalfield was fighting for its life.

Mr Cecil Parkinson, Secretary of State for Energy, moved the motion approving the Government's privatization proposals. He said that it would be neither possible nor desirable to transform the electricity industry overnight. They had at least two years to put the new structure in place.

The distribution companies would be the key to change. With turnovers of between £500 million and £1,500 million last year, they would be among the largest private-sector companies in their regions.

Mr John Prescott, chief Opposition spokesman on energy, moved an Opposition amendment accusing the Government of seeking, in the name of a doctrinaire concept of competition, to dismantle a successful publicly owned and integrated system of electricity supply.

He said that the proposal was a triumph of ideology over common sense; it was thin on detail, with little about how the objectives were to be achieved.

Mr Alick Buchanan-Smith (Kincardine and Deeside, C) said that it was dangerous to set short-term profits against long-term stability and predictability. Once a deep mine was closed it would not reopen.

Mr Tony Speller (Devon North, C) said that the coal industry was in dire danger from cheap imports. "If you follow that line, you watch how the price will go rocketing up once you have destroyed your own indigenous industry."

The Opposition amendment was rejected by 329 votes to 219 — Government majority, 110.

The Government motion was carried by 326 votes to 218 — Government majority, 108.

Referendum Bill is introduced

Mrs Margaret Ewing (Moray, SNP) was given leave under the 10-minute-rule procedure to introduce a Bill to allow a referendum in Scotland to establish the level of demand for constitutional change.

She said that 76 per cent of those who voted in Scotland at the 1987 general election had supported parties campaigning for the return of decision-making to the Parliament that was closed in 1707.

Every opinion poll showed more than 70 per cent support for constitutional change and most Scottish MPs consistently voted for decentralization.

Yet the Government refused to accept any of that as evidence of Scotland's aspirations. "We therefore see our efforts to respond to democratic demands for change thwarted by a Government which turns its back on existing evidence."

The Bill, the Scottish Constitution (Referendum) Bill, was read a first time.

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Education Reform Bill

Book details grassroots opposition

By Nicholas Wood, Political Correspondent

Mr Kenneth Baker, Secretary of State for Education and Science, has been "caught out" by a new book detailing the extent of the grassroots opposition to his Education Reform Bill, it was claimed yesterday.

The charge came from Mr Jack Straw, Labour's chief education spokesman, at a Westminster press conference to launch *Take Care, Mr Baker!* by Mr Julian Haviland, the former political editor of *The Times*.

The 100,000-word book is a distillation of the hitherto unpublished 18,000 responses to the 12 consultation papers issued by the Secretary of State last summer before publishing his Bill, which yesterday completed its Commons committee stages largely intact.

There is wide general approval for certain proposals, such as the national curriculum and financial delegation to school governors, but that does not extend to the details of their implementation. Other aspects, such as opting out, are attacked from all sides.

Mr Straw said that it was to Mr Baker's shame that he had not published the responses from groups representing teachers, governors, local councillors and parents.

But, he said, the Secretary of State had effectively admitted in committee yesterday that he had turned consultation into a "sham" by ignoring the many critical replies. As a result, he had had to undergo "on-the-job learning", rewriting major parts of the legislation and turning its timetable upside down.

Mr Haviland said that his book, culled from millions of words deposited in the Commons library, demonstrated that anxiety about the Bill ranged right across the political spectrum.

In his preface, Mr Haviland writes: "If this book seems overwhelmingly critical, it accurately reflects the weight of the advice offered. Naturally, even the Government's supporters felt it their duty to point to what they considered mistaken . . .

"The prevalent tone of voice indicates a bewilderment, by no means confined to Mr Baker's opponents, that so much of the detail of what is proposed appears to have been given so little serious thought."

Leader willing to take a few more risks

Geoffrey Smith

Mr David Steel is facing the most difficult decision of his career. Now that the Social and Liberal Democrats have brought forward the election of their first leader from October to July he has to make up his mind whether to stand.

In many respects he would be the natural choice. More than anybody else, he is the person who has brought the new party into being. This has been the culmination of a dozen stormy years leading the Liberals, the realization of what has always been his deliberate strategy.

Despite the stumbles along the way, especially the failure to bring the Owenites with him, this has still been a more notable achievement than it is now fashionable to acknowledge.

He retains his skill in presentation and an extraordinary resilience. Although he was much to blame for the fiasco of the policy statement in January, he none the less demonstrated an impressive capacity for leadership in the crisis.

What then could be more appropriate than to ask the engineer of the new vehicle to be the first to take it on to the road?

The case for his doing so would to my mind be conclusive if two conditions were met. He would need to have a real appetite for the job and to appreciate that the task of leading the new party would be quite different from leading the Liberals.

When I first suggested these as essential requirements after the special Liberal Assembly in January I did not know if they could be satisfied. From what Mr Steel has been saying in the meantime I am still more doubtful.

I do not know if he wants to take on the task. I do not believe that he knows and, what is worse, he has been making the case against himself with what would otherwise be refreshing frankness. There is a limit to how much public agonizing the electorate will take from political leaders.

Mr Steel's predicament is further complicated by the timetable that the SLDP has now adopted. He has said that he will take a week over Easter to consider his position in peace and quiet. But the party has agreed that no candidate should declare himself before the end of May. How can he obey that injunction without giving the impression of continued dithering?

If Mr Steel does not stand, Mr Paddy Ashdown looks increasingly like the best choice. I have not always been one of Mr Ashdown's admirers. He got himself into the most appalling tangle a year or so ago over nuclear defence, on which his ideas are still by no means clear. On other issues he has too often seemed to offer excitement rather than judgement.

But he has undoubted advantages both in style and in approach. More than any of his rivals, he has the sharpness and authority that command attention. For a smaller party, clamouring to be noticed, this is a great asset.

Yet it is his concept of where the new party should be pointing that seems to me even more valuable. He is thinking seriously about policy and of how the opposition parties should respond to the Thatcher revolution. He is not seeking to challenge her by arguing for the past against the future.

In that respect he reminds me of Dr Owen. I am not suggesting that the two are about to get together. But there was something distinctly Owenite in a certain amount of what Mr Ashdown said on *Weekend World* a couple of weeks ago.

He readily acknowledged that some of the changes Mrs Thatcher has made will last: the trade union reforms, the emphasis on enterprise and on individualism. He suggested that her achievement was based "on getting together an intellectually cohesive set of ideas", and he would clearly be aiming to do the same for the SLDP.

This emphasis on policy is critical. There are two possible courses for a centre party in Britain today. One is to accept that British politics have become more ideological and to offer an alternative theme to Thatcherism. The other course is to be distinctive by not being ideological.

The old Alliance took the second course, basing its appeal on what it was not — neither too far to the left nor too far to the right, neither linked to the unions nor associated with big business. It was reasonable but — except when the focus was on Dr Owen's social market economy or on his more robust approach to defence policy — it was rather bland.

If Mr Ashdown becomes leader the SLDP ought to have a sharper cutting edge. He might take more risks, but the biggest risk of all for a smaller opposition party is to be unwilling to take any at all.

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Relics of the Dark Ages must be banned, says Patten

Tougher knife laws to curb street crime

By Peter Evans, Home Affairs Correspondent

Knuckledusters, catapults and sword-sticks are among weapons the Government proposes to outlaw in a crackdown on street crime.

Martial arts weapons such as rice flails and butterfly knives, whose blades can be hidden, are also included.

The list was announced yesterday by Mr John Patten, Minister of State at the Home Office, under the Criminal Justice Bill. The Government is inviting comment on the proposals.

Mr Patten said that most of the weapons looked like relics of the Dark Ages and should be treated as such. They had no part in a civilized society.

"By banning these sorts of weapons altogether and by toughening the law on the possession of knives in public, the Government is acting to curb the damage wrought on some of our streets which is reflected in so many of our hospital casualty departments.

"Violent crime remains a small part of the whole criminal picture, but each incident is one incident too many."

The Bill would make it an offence to possess most knives and sharply pointed articles in public without good reason, and would give the Home Secretary power to specify, with Parliament's approval, weapons which it would be an offence to manufacture or supply.

The penalty would be six months' imprisonment and/or a fine of £2,000 for manufacturing or importing, advertising or selling any of the banned weapons.

Maximum fines for possession in the street of a sharp bladed instrument without due cause would be £400.

Owners would have to show that they were not carrying their sharp bladed instruments for an offensive purpose. Scout knives and Swiss army penknives would be protected under the legislation.

The proposed list of specified weapons is: belt buckle knive/push dagger, blow-gun (unless licensed under the Firearms Act, 1968), butterfly knife, catapult, foot claw, hand claw, hollow kobutan (small truncheon with spikes inside), knuckleduster, kusarai gama (sickle-and-chain), kyoketsu shoge (hook knife and chain), maurikigusari (weights joined by chain), nunchaku (rice flail), shuriken (death star), sword-stick and telescopic truncheon.

The Police Federation said yesterday: "These weapons can be very nasty, obviously capable of abuse and ought not to be around. I think this is very sensible and it will be welcomed."

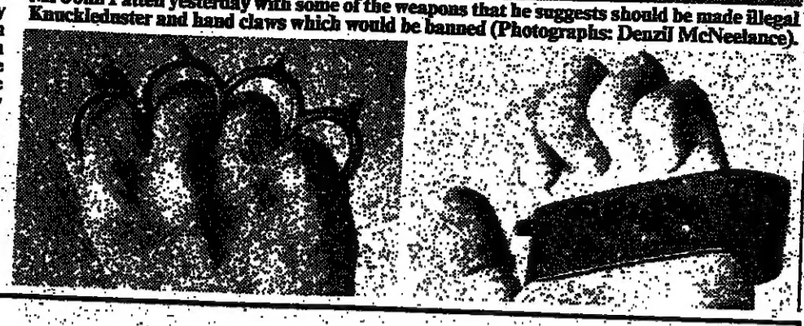
The Prevention of Crime Act, 1953 makes it an offence to be in possession of an offensive weapon in a public place without reasonable excuse or lawful authority.

An offensive weapon is defined in the Act as either any article made or adapted for causing injury or any article intended by the person having it with him for such use. Most knives fall into the latter category and the police have made it clear that they regard this as too restrictive.

The new possession offence will abolish the burden on the police of showing intent on the part of the carrier to cause injury.

The new offence will enable other weapons to be banned in the same terms as flick knives

Mr John Patten yesterday with some of the weapons that he suggests should be made illegal Knuckleduster and hand claws which would be banned (Photographs: Denzil McNeelance).



'Equality Act' proposed to curtail sex bias

By Frances Gibb, Legal Affairs Correspondent

A radical overhaul of the sex equality laws, including a new 'Equal Treatment' Act backed by tough sanctions to stamp out discrimination, has been called for by the Equal Opportunities Commission.

Its proposals, which have gone to the Home Secretary, are the most far-reaching agenda for change since the Sex Discrimination Act came into force in 1976.

Among the key proposals are an Act which would combine the Sex Discrimination and Equal Pay Acts and enshrine the principles of European law, based on the right to equal treatment in its broadest sense, covering discrimination based on grounds of family status or marital status, not just on grounds of sex.

It would feature a tougher and wider role for the commission so that it could bring proceedings in its own name instead of them having to be brought by individuals. It would also allow the commission to mount any investigation where equality of opportunity appeared to be denied and not just where it believes an unlawful act has occurred.

A basic minimum award of £500 for findings of unlawful discrimination and of £1,000 for victimization would be introduced, with any compensatory award, including injury to feelings, being made in addition. Payments would be enforceable in the manner of a county court judgement.

Compensation would be payable for the first time also in cases of indirect discrimination.

and there would be a shift in the burden or proof so that once someone proved less favourable treatment, the onus would be on the respondent to show this was not due to sex, family status or victimization.

The two-year qualifying period relating to pregnant women before they are protected against unfair dismissal would be abolished, and there would be no qualifying period governing the right to return to work.

The commission also envisages a change to the law so that employers' pension arrangements would have to be equalized over a period, which, the commission says, cannot be done without equalization of the state pension ages.

The equality laws would be extended to private clubs that accept women members and to cover job advertisements placed by recruitment agencies.

The commission also calls for it to be made a duty of public bodies to work towards eradicating sex discrimination and promoting equal opportunities, such as through the provision of support services.

In general, it also urges the Government to adopt a "family policy" to complement the new laws, to cover the many issues that cannot be tackled through legislation such as child care facilities, tax implications of child care expenses and parental leave.

Other proposals are for all tribunals on equality cases to contain at least one woman member, with specialized training for all tribunal members.

Lady Platt, chairman of the commission, said publication of the proposals, after some 18 months of consultation and submissions from nearly 300 bodies, marked "an an important day for the commission".

The proposals were the culmination of 12 years' experience of both the Sex Discrimination and Equal Pay Acts and were aimed at "simplifying and clarifying the law, and strengthening the powers of enforcement".

Equal Treatment for Men and Women: Strengthening The Acts (Equal Opportunities Commission, Overseas House, Quay Street, Manchester M3 3HN; free).

SALEROOM

By Sarah Jane Checkland
Art Market Correspondent

£8m estimate on flawless diamond

Sotheby's New York will sell the largest and potentially most valuable diamond ever to appear at auction on April 19.

Internally flawless, pear-shaped and 85.91 carat, it is estimated at about $8million dollars, a likely candidate for a world record.

Mr Neil Letson, the gemologist, rates it "slightly below the Cullinan III, now in the British Crown jewels, and slightly above the Spoonmaker Diamond, now in the Topkapi Museum, Istanbul".

The consignment came about when an American possibly representing an Arab owner, rang Mr John Block, Sotheby's jewellery expert in New York.

Mr Block said: "Someone called and said, 'I understand you have been selling some major stones recently. I have one for you'. It was the most beautiful pear shaped diamond I have ever seen and handled."

The record diamond price is $6.6 million dollars for a pair of ear pendants Sotheby's sold in Geneva eight years ago.

The house's first venture into second-hand car salesmanship in Geneva appeared on first assessment to be a flop on Monday night.

The two prize items were brought in – a 1934 Bugatti Type 55 Super Sport Roadster at £1.3 million, and a 1928 Mercedes-Benz 680 S Supercharged Cabriolet at £1.7 million.

Some 70 per cent of the total number of lots were sold, and trading continued into yesterday. Mr Malcolm Barber of Sotheby's was reasonably confident that he had found a buyer for another bought-in lot: a 1937 Mercedes-Benz 540 Supercharged Cabriolet, formerly the property of Prince Bernhard of The Netherlands. A private British collector paid a record £102,016 for a Bentley 3-litre Speed Model Vanden Plas Tourer, a long, bottle green creation.

But the collection of Hispano-Suiza cars from which the idea for a car sale sprung did not do well.

Good prices included that of £141,935 for a 1933 Horch 670 V12 6-litre Cabriolet, with sweeping black running-boards. It sold to the Blackhawk museum on the west coast of America, as did a pillar-box red 1938 Delage D8 120S Aerosport Coupe, with coachwork by Letourner and Marchand, which fetched £119,758.

A 1912 Rolls-Royce 40/50hp Silver Ghost two-seat balloon car replica of the one created for Charles Rolls for his own ballooning exploits, and sent for sale by Mr Malcolm Forbes, the ballooning enthusiast, fetched £109,677, within estimate.

Phillips had its own world record yesterday, for an endearing painting entitled "The Poet Laureate Afloat", Sir John Betjeman in a rowing boat amid streams of busy water, by Ruskin Spear. At £17,600 (estimate £10,000 to £15,000) it was the highest price achieved at auction for the artist, selling to a private buyer.

The occasion was Phillips's Modern British sale, which also had mixed success, with a total of £400,000 and nearly one third unsold.

Top lot was for "Study in the Alps", by John Singer Sargent which originally hung in the National Gallery of Australia. Estimated at £50,000 to £80,000, it sold for £82,500 to the American trade.

Paintings from the Newlyn School maintained their popularity, one by Harold Harvey of Children on a Quay fetching £26,400 (estimate up to £20,000) selling to a private buyer. A watercolour of Spanish gypsy girls on a beach by Russell Flint went for £26,000 (estimate £12,000 to £18,000), while Sir John Lavery's portrait of his daughter sold for £10,000 above estimate at £19,800. Spectrum, page 12.

Police officers banned for seafront car chase

Two off-duty police officers in separate cars were involved in a bumper-to-bumper chase at up to 90mph along Queens Promenade, Blackpool, a court was told yesterday.

Other officers in unmarked cars and a patrol vehicle chased them for almost a mile before they were stopped, magistrates at Preston, Lancashire, were told.

The two pleaded guilty to driving without due care. Police Constable Robert Rylands, aged 30, of Vicarage Road, Cleveleys, Lancashire, was fined £400 and banned for 18 months after also admitting exceeding the drink-drive limit. PC Mark Chesters, aged 21, of Larkholme Parade, Fleetwood, Lancashire, was fined £200 and banned for six months.

Pleas of not guilty to reckless driving were accepted. The two face police disciplinary procedures.

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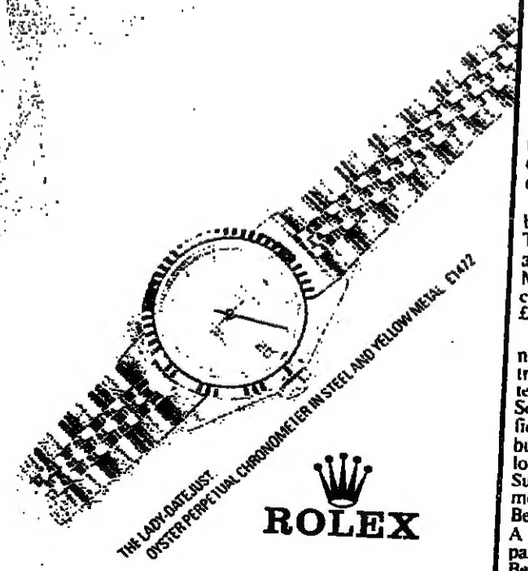

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Regional job development grants open to fraud

By Martin Fletcher, Political Reporter

The £400 million-a-year regional industrial aid scheme is open to fraud, is of questionable effectiveness and in some cases is likely to destroy jobs, Mr John Bourn, Comptroller and Auditor General, said in a report to the Commons yesterday.

The National Audit Office disclosed that in 1986 there were 20 cases of suspected fraud totalling more than £1 million involving the revised form of regional development grant introduced in 1984. A further 12 came to light in the first quarter of last year.

The report said the fraud had sometimes been detected in government inspections but more often as a result of tip-offs from disaffected employees and other sources.

In one case, a company was paid £120,000 to create 40 jobs in the mail-order industry. Police inquiries showed that no jobs had been created. In another, a plastic cup manufacturer was paid £240,000 to create 80 jobs. An inspector was told that the low number of workers present when he visited the factory was because of a shift system. Police inquiries found that only 45 jobs had been created.

The Government has set up a working group to investigate grant fraud.

Elsewhere in the report, the Audit Office said there had been "no significant change in the overall pattern of unemployment as between assisted and unassisted areas" since the regional development schemes, administered by the Department of Trade and Industry and the Scottish and Welsh Offices, were introduced in their present form two years ago.

It acknowledged that there were many complex factors affecting employment patterns. There was no firm evidence that regional industrial incentives had been ineffective in their aim of reducing regional imbalances in employment opportunities.

However, the report noted the results of surveys showing that only a third of companies which had received regional development grants said they had been a critical factor in their investment decisions. Just over a half regarded the earlier form of regional selective assistance as important or critical to their investment decisions.

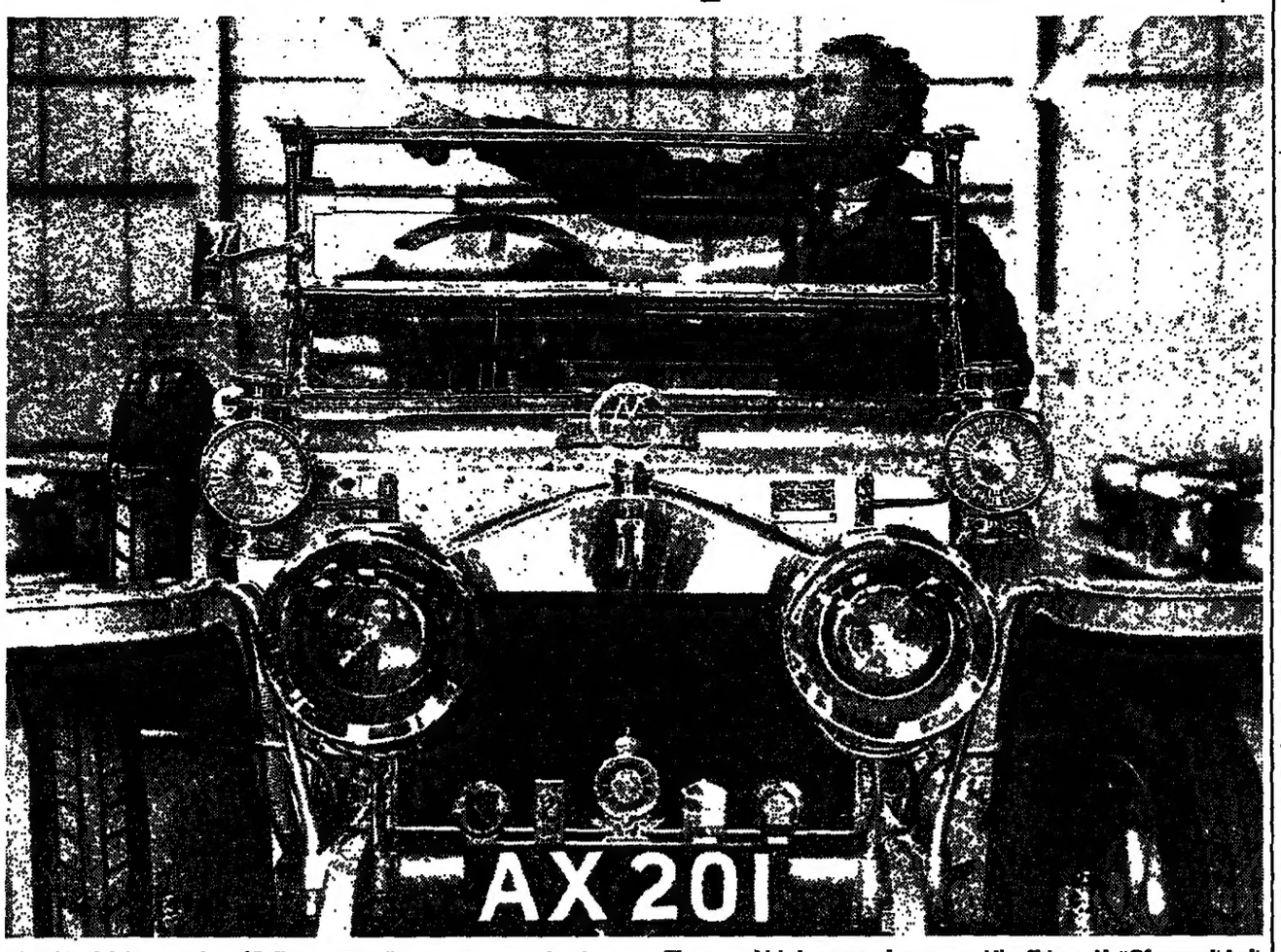
For grants of less than £100,000, there was too little analysis by government departments into whether the projects would have gone ahead without assistance. There was also too little attention paid to whether, by giving grants for new projects, other jobs might be lost.

The Audit Office considered it "unlikely that offsetting job losses do not occur". It said there should be more effort to detect job losses if the grant system was to be fully cost effective.

The Government announced last January that the regional development grant is to be phased out from this month, to be replaced by new policies.

Arrangements for Regional Industrial Incentives (National Audit Office, Department of Trade and Industry, Scottish Office, Welsh Office, Stationery Office: £4.75).

Silver Ghost heads Japanese sales drive



Mr Michael Cole, supervisor of Rolls-Royce Motors' bonded car warehouse, giving a final polish to a 1907 Rolls-Royce Silver Ghost before it was flown to Tokyo to publicize the opening of the car company's first Japanese showroom.

The silver-plated car, worth at least £5 million, left Manchester airport yesterday and will have a starring role in a sales drive in Japan, where 82 Rolls-Royce and Bentley cars were sold last year, compared with 54 in 1986.

The car, which has covered more than 600,000 miles, will return to the company's base at Crewe, Cheshire, at about Easter.

The car is insured for £1 million, but Mr Bill Laws, the company's head of public affairs, said: "Of course it isn't for sale, but my personal opinion is that its value is considerably in excess of the £5 million which was paid last year for a Bugatti Royale".

(Photograph: Barry Greenwood)

Tube fire victim 'had vague manner'

The one victim of the King's Cross fire still unidentified may be a man who persistently refused to leave the station as he tried to get past a policeman directing people away from the escalators, the disaster inquiry was told yesterday.

Police Constable Patrick Balfe, of the transport police, said the man was just one of an unremitting stream of people coming through the ticket hall where 31 were to die.

PC Balfe said he had seen the photographic impression of the man's face, published days before the inquiry began after all other efforts to identify him had failed. Together with the description, it reminded him of a "vagrant type" whom he had turned away repeatedly.

The man, who had a London accent, had said he had to get to Highbury and Islington Tube station.

"I said, 'The escalator is closed, it's on fire'. He said, 'Well, how am I going to get to Highbury and Islington?' I said, 'I suggest you catch a bus'.

"He then turned away, but as I was engaged in directing other people away, he attempted to squeeze past me when my back was turned.

"I again told him to get away from the escalator and pointed him in the direction of the station exit. He seemed slightly vague in his manner."

PC Balfe said the man was one of the many passengers who continued to file up and down the Victoria Line escalators as smoke belched across from the Piccadilly Line escalators.

The hearing continues.

Pollution warning for Scottish salmon farmers

By Kerry Gill

The burgeoning Scottish salmon farming industry is in danger of becoming uncontrollabe, according to a report issued yesterday by a leading conservation organization.

The Scottish Wildlife and Countryside Link, representing the main voluntary conservation groups in Scotland, said controls on fish farming were inadequate in spite of the big growth in the industry.

Mr Simon Pepper, of the World Wildlife Fund, who edited the 70-page report, said production of marine-farmed salmon in the past eight years had risen from almost nothing to an estimated 22,000 tonnes this year. It is is expected to reach 55,000 tonnes by 1991.

The report said more research was needed to assess the effects of fish farming and the resulting pollution of sea loch systems. Caution was called for in the expansion of the industry until the effects were identified and controlled. National planning guidelines must be introduced.

It called for a ban on fish farming on some sea lochs to protect wildlife. A government minister should be appointed to ensure a balance between economic, social and environmental goals.

Salmon, which are themselves sensitive to pollution, pollute other species such as oysters and lobsters through unconsumed food and faeces and chemicals used in the farming process.

The report said controls should be enforced on the use of antibiotics, principally Nuvan, which is used widely in the treatment of salmon louse. The Scottish Department of Agriculture and Fisheries is researching the environmental effects of the chemical.

Mr Pepper said there was widespread evidence that birds and mammals were being killed by fish farmers to stop them attacking salmon stocks. Among the species shot were seals, cormorants, shags, herons and eider on shell-fish farms.

The organization has sent a copy of the report to Mr Malcolm Rifkind, Secretary of State for Scotland. Mr Pepper said it was not against marine salmon farming, but proper controls were long overdue.

The industry earned about £50 million last year and provided up to 1,500 direct and indirect jobs. However, Mr Pepper said that while output rose by 400 per cent between 1984 and last year, jobs went up by only 56 per cent. Output rose by 86 per cent between 1985 and last year, but employment went up by just 11 per cent.

The report recommends that the Crown Estates Commission should compile a public register of seabed leases and all applications should be advertised to enable proper monitoring.

Marine Fishfarming in Scotland (Scottish Wildlife and Countryside Link; £4.50).

Pirate radio charges

The Department of Trade and Industry was accused of gross negligence yesterday in taking more than four years to bring a case against seven people involved in the first full prosecution brought under the Maritime Broadcasting (Offences) Act 1967.

Mr Geoffrey Robertson, for Time Out Ltd, publisher of *Time Out* magazine, told the committal hearing at Sittingbourne, Kent, that some of the charges dated from 1984.

Time Out faces three charges of illegally publishing details of programmes on both Radio Caroline and Laser 558.

Seven other defendants are accused of a variety of offences, including providing supplies for the two ships anchored off the Kent coast and making programmes.

Railway drive

British Rail is to spend £12,500 on publicizing the scenic Leeds-Settle-Carlisle line and the Pennine route from Leeds to Morecambe, even though it wants to close the 72-mile stretch from Settle to Carlisle.

Frog hotline

Wildlife enthusiasts are trying to even out distribution of the dwindling frog population in Gwent, South Wales. People with many frogs in their gardens can telephone a hotline to have the frogs removed to areas where they are scarce.

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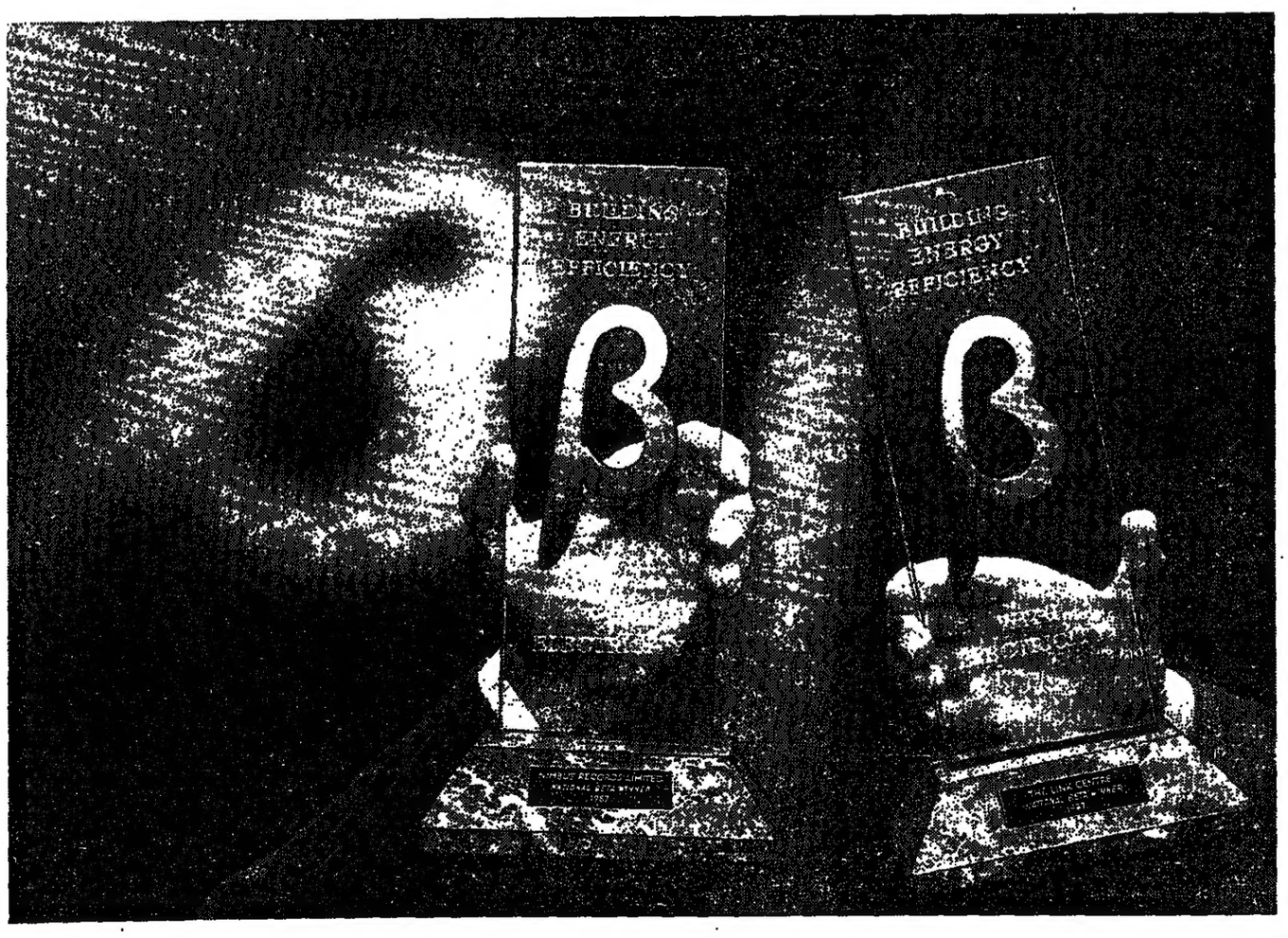

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WORLD ROUNDUP

Clashes as Poles remember 1968

Warsaw – Polish students battled with police in the southern city of Cracow yesterday as students throughout the country commemorated the 1968 riots which were crushed by the authorities and used as a pretext for an anti-Semitic purge of party officials (Richard Bassett writes).

More than 100 students were reported to have been detained and several injured. Disturbances were reported in Lublin and Wroclaw. The Cracow clashes were sparked off when police baton-charged a few hundred students who had attempted to rally round a statue of the 19th-century poet hero, Adam Mickiewicz.

Kremlin cuts profit

Moscow – Only days after publication of a draft law encouraging establishment of co-operatives run on private enterprise lines, Mr Mikhail Gorbachov has introduced tax reforms cutting back their excessive profits (Christopher Walker writes).

Pravda quoted the Kremlin leader as criticizing some co-operatives in remarks to workers and managers at a Moscow factory.

Some 9,000 co-operatives, employing about 90,000 people, operate in the Soviet Union, and are at present subject to a flat 3 per cent tax on their profits.

Contras shun talks

Managua (AP) – The Contra leader, Señor Adolfo Calero, said yesterday that the rebels would not be attending ceasefire negotiations which the Sandinista Government had scheduled to begin today at Sapoa, on the Costa Rica frontier.

Señor Calero said from Miami that government officials talked to the rebel leadership on Monday "at the last minute" to tell them of the meeting.

"We are not willing to attend a unilateral meeting set up by the Sandinistas," he said, adding that talks were possible at a later date.

Kidnap court cleared

Bonn – Evidence was heard in secret yesterday after Mr Rashid Mahroum, aged 44, a Lebanese-German businessman, told a Düsseldorf court that he and his family would be in danger if he spoke in public about his contacts in Beirut with the kidnappers of two Germans (John England writes).

The court is trying Abbas Hamadei, aged 29, on charges of kidnapping, in January 1987, Dr Rudolf Cordes, aged 54, who is still being held, and Herr Alfred Schmidt, aged 48, who was released in September.

Corsican killing

Paris – Less than 24 hours after Corsican separatists warned of "intensified" action against the French authorities, a gendarme was killed yesterday near Bastia, the island's capital, in what was described as a carefully planned machine-gun attack by a two or three-man squad of the Corsican National Liberation Front (Philip Jacobson writes).

Military helicopters were called in to help search for the attackers, who also lobbed a hand-grenade into the police post, but they made their escape into the wild countryside.

Protest by Yugoslavs

More than 200 people protested in the northern Yugoslav city of Ljubljana yesterday at the trial of a journalist who criticized the Army (Our Foreign Staff writes).

Journalists, students and intellectuals gathered outside the district court to show their support for Mr Franci Zavrl, charged with slandering the Yugoslav Army in an article attacking arms sales to Ethiopia.

Belgrade has announced military cuts which should reduce the armed forces by 12 per cent and army expenditure by 10 per cent over the next five years.

Court told how the army hid identity of Aquino assassin

Manila (Reuter) – A former army officer who investigated the assassination in 1983 of Benigno Aquino said yesterday that his team was ordered to falsify its findings.

In the first direct testimony of a military cover-up after the murder, Mr Pedro Aquino told a Manila court trying 37 men with the murder that he suppressed an apparent confession by a soldier that he had shot the opposition leader, and said that affidavits of other witnesses were changed in the presence of high-ranking Philippine Army officers.

Mr Pedro Aquino, a retired second lieutenant in a military investigating unit and no relation to the murdered politician, said that senior officers had made clear the inquiry should say that an alleged communist gunman, Rolando Galman, was the assassin.

The chief prosecutor, Mr Raul Gonzales, said the order was "part of a total cover-up" to hide the military's role in the killing of the chief rival of the then President Marcos.

Galman was killed by soldiers immediately after Benigno Aquino was shot on his return from exile in the United States.

Mr Aquino told the trial: "Our instruction was to make it appear that the assassin is supposed to be the dead person lying there (Galman) ... that we should help the soldiers who are being investigated."

Mr Ferdinand Marcos said at the time that Galman was the assassin. But widespread belief that the murder was a military conspiracy sparked national unrest that led to his overthrow in 1986 and the rise of Mrs Corazon Aquino, Benigno Aquino's widow.

The witness identified Constable Rogelio Moreno as the soldier who made what the prosecution called a "clear admission" that he had been the assassin. Mr Aquino said that he had asked the constable "bluntly" if he was the one who shot the opposition leader. He said Constable Moreno replied: "I could not do anything, sir, I just followed orders."

"He looked sorrowful ... I told him 'It's enough that you told me the truth'," Mr Aquino said.

Mr Aquino said the orders for a cover-up had come from the squad leader, Captain Ruben Zacarias, who had suggested that they emanated from higher up the chain of command.

Thirty-four soldiers and three civilians, including a former Marcos minister, are on trial. A Marcos-appointed court in 1985 acquitted 26 defendants, but the Supreme Court ordered a new hearing, saying that Mr Marcos had rigged the acquittals.

In the retrial, successive witnesses have suggested that Aquino was shot in the head by a soldier following him down the steps as he left the aircraft.

● **LONDON:** A cycle of killings and reprisals, carried out on one hand by regular military forces and community-based "vigilantes" and on the other by the guerrillas of the New People's Army, are becoming an increasingly serious human rights problem in the Philippines (Caroline Moorehead writes).

In the past year 17 villagers, including six children, have been rounded up and shot dead by regular troops in apparent reprisal after soldiers were ambushed in Lupao, in Nueva Ecija province.

The Aquino Government has responded promptly to many of the killings. Task forces have been set up to conduct official inquiries. Less well known cases have been referred to the Commission on Human Rights, set up by the President in March 1986.

But Amnesty International in a report published today, *Philippines: Unlawful Killings By Military and Paramilitary Forces*, knows of no military or police officer having been convicted for any political killing since the Aquino Government came to power.

300 police hurt in Tibet riot

Manila (Reuter) – Suspected communist rebels shot dead 15 members of the security forces and a local official during attacks in several places in the Philippines during the past two days, a spokesman for the military said yesterday.

Peking (Reuter) – An official Chinese report revealed yesterday that 300 members of the police and security forces were injured in the latest anti-Chinese riots in Lhasa.

The authorities also said that Tibetan monks had served poisoned tea to officials at a monastery in Lhasa on the morning of the riots.

"Several monks sneaked into the main office of the monastery and put poison in tea served to officials and reporters covering the festival," the China News Service said in a report on Saturday's violence, which erupted on the final day of Tibet's biggest annual Buddhist festival.

As a result of the poisoning scores of people had to receive hospital treatment, the report said. The official death toll listed one policeman who was hurled from a high window. But foreigners returning to Peking said they were told that up to nine people were killed, some of them shot by plain-clothes police.

At least six people were killed in pro-independence rioting in Lhasa last October.

The China News Service revealed that more than 300 security officials and police officers were injured in the latest violence and 30 were still in hospital. Earlier reports mentioned 28 injured.

Ualike previous official accounts, the agency described vividly how monks attacked police, officials and reporters on the last day of the festival.

Telephone lines to Lhasa were restored yesterday and a western manager at the Lhasa Hotel said he and other staff were confined to their premises for their own safety.

The Dalai Lama, the exiled spiritual leader of the Tibetans, yesterday issued an appeal from Delhi for his people to refrain from violence.

The presidential race

Hollywood reluctant to cast the next White House star

From Charles Bremner
Los Angeles

Eight years since a former actor proved Hollywood's political might, the elite of the US film business are searching ever more desperately for a new leading man.

The stars and big producers – Democrats, for the most part – are wielding power and shaping attitudes more than ever as politics move even closer to entertainment. Their money and, more important, their influence is ready for the taking, but they cannot find the talent.

For the moment, some of the stars have been spreading around their $1,000 (£550) maximum individual contributions – for example, Mr Frank Sinatra gave to Vice-President George Bush – but they have been holding back the endorsements.

"It's beginning to wear badly in the town. Nobody's thrilled and nobody's thrilling," says a senior studio executive, tired of the endless visits by Democratic contenders searching for funds and Hollywood support.

Tinseltown's moguls have long tried to shape politics, both with films and endorsements. Sam Goldwyn fought the trend, saying once: "Messages are for Western Union."

Hollywood gave Senator John Kennedy a powerful helping hand, but its influence is immeasurably greater in 1988. When so much of America takes its values and symbols from its screen heroes, an endorsement from a Redford or Eastwood, a Streisand or a Taylor, is worth far more than gold.

With new laws setting limits to contributions in each state, candidates who put celebrities to work for them gain free television exposure.

Despite the Republican sentiments of 1980s America, Hollywood showed its political power last year with a media attack on the appointment of Mr Robert Bork, the conservative judge, to the Supreme Court.

Organized by Mr Norman Lear, one of the biggest television moguls, the campaign demolished support for the judge by having actors such as Gregory Peck brand him a dangerous reactionary.

Charlton Heston and Clint Eastwood, two of the rare Hollywood Republicans, were waiting to counter-attack, but never got the green light from the White House.

With Mr Gary Hart's fall last May, the mood of the Democrat stars swung towards Mr Mario Cuomo, the Governor of New York. But despite blandishments and promises of big cheques, he refused to stand for the White House.

Messrs Gephardt, Dukakis and Gore, with their top campaign men, have been dropping in to the homes of the power-brokers of West Los Angeles – but have so far failed to convince.

Given the right man, the thinking goes, the plot is ripe for a Democratic happy ending in 1988. Governor Cuomo is still the name most commonly mentioned.

The films of the past year or so – *Platoon*, for example – are beginning to reflect the swing back to liberal themes, but the producers say they have not yet identified the next national mood after the Reagan era.

Though far smaller, the Republican minority of Hollywood has begun to flex its muscles. Heston, Eastwood, Arnold Schwarzenegger and a number of producers are waiting to throw their weight behind the party's choice of candidate.

Senator Gore: Like other Democratic contenders, has failed to win film world's support. (Photograph: Graham Wood)

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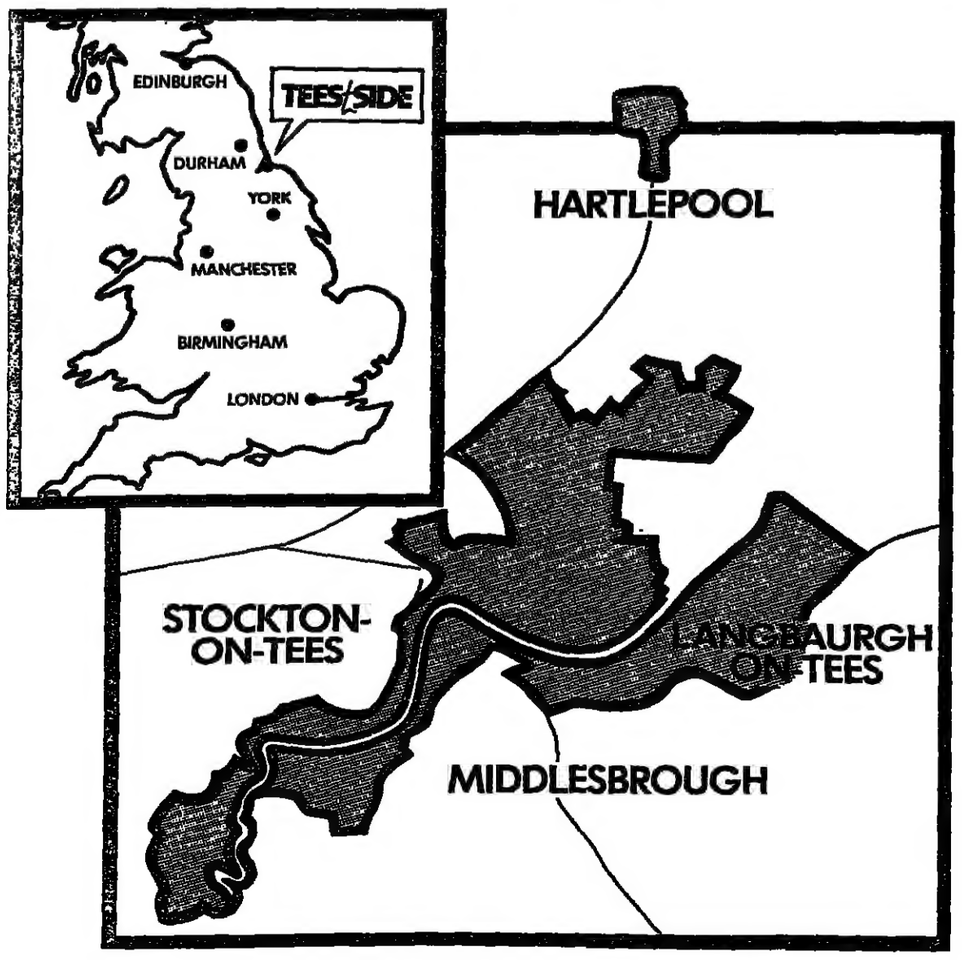

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US peace plan crippled by blows from both camps

From Ian Murray, Jerusalem

An unlikely combination of Syria, the PLO and Mr Yitzhak Shamir, the Israeli Prime Minister, has dealt devastating blows to the fragile American Middle East peace initiative before it can hope to get started.

In Damascus yesterday President Assad told a cheering crowd of 25,000 that he rejected peace with Israel. He warned those "who might be tempted to join in current peace initiatives" not to "rush into settlements that may turn into traps for us".

The Palestine Liberation Organization, in admitting responsibility for Monday's bus hijacking in which three Israeli civilians were killed, has destroyed the cautious efforts of Mr George Shultz, US Secretary of State, to bring them into the negotiations.

In any event Mr Khalil al-Wazir, the PLO's deputy military chief, said during a visit to Amman yesterday that the organization rejected the initiative. The same message was delivered in Ankara by Mr Farouk Khadoumi, the PLO's foreign minister.

At the same time Mr Shamir, by stalling for time over a government decision on the initiative, has made it almost impossible for its timetable to start as planned in the middle of next month.

Even if the remaining Arab states accept the plan, the chances of Palestinians and Israelis being available to join in negotiations next month are increasingly remote.

Mr David Levy, the Likud Deputy Prime Minister, said here yesterday that Mr Shamir should tell the United States frankly that Israel could not decide about the initiative until after its general election, which cannot be held until midsummer at the earliest.

Mr Shamir has been drawing up amendments to the American plan which he needs to put today to the inner Cabinet, seeking approval for taking them on his trip to Washington next week.

Accepted or not, he still has no intention of giving a clear answer to Mr Shultz until after his return. Even then he is likely to delay a decision rather than force a vote in the Cabinet which could bring down the Government before he is ready to hold elections.

On its side, the PLO has shown its intransigence by sponsoring bus hijacking. "This is the murderous PLO terrorism exposed in all its criminal aspects," Mr Yitzhak Rabin, the Defence Minister, told the Knesset. "This is the enemy that we are facing."

As the country mourned the three victims — all parents of young children — there were no more of the recent calls from the left for Israel to negotiate with the PLO. Palestinians in the occupied territories may look to the PLO to negotiate for it, but the bus hijacking has made the organization unacceptable partners to Israelis.

Some moderate Palestinians, like Dr Sari Nusseibeh of Bir Zeit University, believe the hijacking has undermined the "purity" of the uprising in the territories. He said yesterday that the sacrifices of the people in taking on armed Israelis with stones were being made worthless by the bloody hostage-taking.

In the territories, however, the hijacking is seen as a victory "just like the hang-glider attack," according to one Palestinian activist.

He said: "The three guerrillas captured an army car and then attacked a bus of workers from the top-secret nuclear plant. They killed an engineer involved in secret military work, and the two women who died were almost certainly shot by the Israeli police who stormed the bus.

"This was a military action and has given a tremendous morale boost to the people. It has shown the Israelis that only the PLO is our leader."

The Israeli Army has acknowledged mistakes were made. The four officers — a major and three lieutenants — whose car was taken were sentenced yesterday to 35 days in prison for having failed to carry their weapons. Though not a normal requirement in that area, the four were under standing orders from their staff college never to travel without their guns.

Lieutenant-General Don Shomron, the Chief of Staff, said that if the officers had had their weapons the whole story would have been different.

The Army is also trying to find out how the Palestinians were able to drive through a roadblock set up to catch them, and why the police at that point failed to shoot.

The most important question, and the most politically difficult, is how it was that the Palestinians were able to cross the border from Egypt. It is the third such infiltration from Egypt this year across what is meant to be a peaceful border.

Panic in Panama as banks run dry

A policeman pushing his way through a crowd of angry pensioners in Panama City yesterday as they tried to cash benefit cheques. In a bid to end growing tension and discontent caused by the worsening cash crisis, the Government said it would make every effort to ensure that at least some of the cheques were honoured. Thousands of pensioners took to the streets, throwing stones and putting up barricades as General Manuel Noriega, Panama's controversial strongman, found himself increasingly politically isolated and without enough money to keep the banks functioning. The main opposition parties announced that they are to join the deposed President Delvalle in a "government of national reconciliation" in place of the regime dominated by General Noriega. The object of the coalition, which brings together groups of conflicting ideological hues, is to guarantee "the fundamental conditions for an authentic democracy". The group said it would also "seek an understanding with the defence forces to define their legitimate function as a professional institution". President Delvalle, in hiding since being deposed last month, has no effective control over any part of Panama.

Armenians honour victims of violence

From Christopher Walker
Moscow

Aggrieved Soviet Armenians took to the streets of their troubled capital of Yerevan again yesterday when several thousand people, including many women in black, took part in a funeral march and rally for victims of the recent nationalist violence.

According to local residents contacted by telephone, the protesters laid flowers at the "genocide victims' memorial", a hilltop monument to Armenians killed in the 1915 massacre by Turks, and then they marched to Opera Square, the scene of earlier mass demonstrations, where they listened to speeches.

Those killed in Sumgait are martyrs to the Armenian cause

The emotional protest, along with rumours that local activists were trying to follow it with a general strike throughout the republic, were seen as imposing new pressure on the Kremlin, which has been given a breathing space by Armenian community leaders until the end of March, to try and resolve the problem of territory disputed with neighbouring Azerbaijan.

The march was timed to coincide with International Women's Day, a national holiday in the Soviet Union. One well-known Armenian actor, Sos Sarkisyan, was quoted as telling the crowds: "The dead of Sumgait are martyrs to the Armenian cause."

Although the authorities claim that 31 people of "various nationalities" died in the Azerbaijani city of Sumgait in severe rioting on February 28, dissident sources in Moscow claim that the majority were Christian Armenians and that the total death toll in the trouble has been much higher.

Mr Valery Senderov, chairman of the Moscow branch of the Frankfurt-based International Society for Human Rights, quoted Armenian sources as putting the number of dead in three Azerbaijani towns of Sumgait, Kirovabad and Shamkhor at 180, with many more injured.

Because of the strict news blackout imposed by the Kremlin, there was no way for reporters or diplomats in Moscow to check the accuracy of these estimates. Although earlier estimates from dissidents have proved accurate, it is known that both the Armenian and Azerbaijani communities are riven with wildly exaggerated (but believed) accounts of the extent of the atrocities.

Yesterday the Soviet authorities refused travel documents to two Western diplomats who had earlier received permission to travel to both republics to fulfil consular duties. A representative for a leading British tour company also said that a scheduled tour to the area at the weekend had not gone ahead. "I presume that is because of the trouble," she said.

Communist journalists have attacked news blackout of the unrest

Mr Senderov said that yesterday's action in Yerevan was organized by the newly-formed "Karabakh Committee", named after the disputed region of Nagorny-Karabakh, which was transferred from Armenia to predominantly Muslim Azerbaijan 65 years ago and which lies at the heart of the present bitter dispute.

He said that the Central Committee of the Communist Party in Moscow had been sent a telegram informing them of the funeral march and of a proposal now under discussion to stage a three-day general strike from Thursday in the republic, the smallest in the Soviet Union.

The lack of *glasnost* being demonstrated by the Soviet authorities about the ethnic crisis in the two southern republics, which has already been condmened by foreign Communist reporters based in Moscow (who are barred from the area like everyone else from the press), was roundly attacked yesterday by the weekly *Moscow News*.

The reformist paper said that from the outset of the disturbances last month the news provided was characterized by its "belatedness and paucity", adding that much of the trouble — including the new refugee problem — had been provoked by the spread of unsubstantiated rumours.

Kremlin urges UN action to halt missile war of cities

From Our Own Correspondent, New York

The Soviet Union called yesterday for an urgent meeting of the United Nations Security Council to take action on the Tehran-Baghdad missile war, but the Russians still appeared no closer to backing an arms ban on Iran.

Mr Aleksandr Belonogov, the Soviet Ambassador, cited the "further acute escalation of the conflict" in his request for the special session. "I think that the war between the cities adds a new dimension to the protracted military conflict," he said in a late-night press conference on Monday.

Mr Belonogov denied that Soviet missiles were being used by both sides in the attacks, though Western experts say this is the case.

The ambassador appealed to Señor Javier Pérez de Cuéllar and the Yugoslav president of the council for further efforts to "persuade" Iran and Iraq to cease fire.

So far Moscow has blocked attempts by the United States, Britain and France to impose an arms embargo on Iran as a way of enforcing the council's ceasefire order from last July.

Iran won a little more time last week with an unsigned government note which claimed that it had accepted the ceasefire terms. However, diplomats said they gave little credence to the message, which followed months of manoeuvring by Iran aimed at ignoring the order while stopping short of rejecting it.

"It's nothing but an undated, unsigned piece of paper," said Sir Crispin Tickell, Britain's ambassador. "Where does that leave us? It doesn't constitute a clear acceptance." The US has also rejected the message.

● NICOSIA: Overnight attacks shook the darkened capitals of Iran and Iraq, killing or wounding people in their homes as the two sides pursued their relentless missile duels yesterday (Reuter reports).

Three minutes after midnight, an Iranian missile struck a residential area in Baghdad — inhabited by four million people — destroying houses and shops, wrecking cars in the streets,and killing or wounding several people, Iraq's radio said.

In the Iranian capital, Tehran radio told the city's six million people that Iraq had "shelled a Tehran residential area" yesterday with missiles, wounding a number of people and damaging some houses.

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Afghan resistance splits over role of Islamic extremists

From Edward Gorman, Peshawar

The seven-part Mujahidin alliance was in chaos last night after Professor Sibghatullah Mujadidi, leader of the moderate Afghan National Liberation Front, announced that he had withdrawn from both the alliance and the Mujahidin-sponsored government.

At his home here yesterday, Professor Mujadidi accused the four so-called fundamentalist factions of the resistance of trying to dominate any future government in Afghanistan at the expense of the three moderate groups and of agreeing on an interim government without consulting the people of Afghanistan.

He warned the fundamentalist leaders that there would be civil war in Afghanistan if they continued to force their way into positions of power. "If there is any government inside Afghanistan without the agreement of the majority of the people of Afghanistan, there will be bloodshed."

Professor Mujadidi's withdrawal could not have come at a worse time for the resistance, which only last week – under acute pressure from Pakistan – agreed the basis of an interim government during a phased withdrawal of Soviet troops.

Pakistan has made clear that it will not sign the Geneva accord without an interim government in place, and observers here believe that the break-up of the alliance will seriously weaken Pakistan's hand as the negotiations in Geneva continue.

As one observer put it: "Pakistan is going to have to drop the interim government, because it simply isn't there any more." Professor Mujadidi himself described the hard-won interim government as finished.

There is speculation that with Professor Mujadidi out, the two other moderate groups, Harakat-i Inqilab and Mahaz-i-Milli, will also withdraw, leaving any pretence of unity in tatters. One unconfirmed report claims that Maulavi Mohammad Nabi Mohammadi, leader of Harakat, has already decided to withdraw. Professor Mujadidi said he was confident the two leaders would join him.

He described a state of virtual anarchy prevailing during recent meetings of the leadership, and said that on every issue there had been violent disagreement. But with decisions carried on a one-man, one-vote basis, the four fundamentalist leaders had outnumbered the three moderates every time. "There are very many differences between the fundamentalists," he said. "They would kill each other if they had to – but against us moderates they are united."

The key to the disagreements is the moderates' belief that any future government should include a broad spectrum of political views, including a possible caretaker role for the former King Zahir Shah, for whom Professor Mujadidi, Maulavi Mohammadi and Pir Ahmed Gailani, leader of the Mahaz faction, have all declared support.

The moderates argue that the seven leaders of the Mujahidin are not representative of large sections of the population – the Shia Muslim minorities, for instance – and that only through traditional Loya Jirgas, or assemblies, can democratic decisions be made.

The election last week as president of the interim government of the virtually unknown engineer, Mr Ahmed Shah, who is generally seen as the fundamentalists' man, was the last straw, Professor Mujadidi said.

Underlying the moderates' views is an open contempt for what they see as the hardline Islamic government which the fundamentalists would impose on Afghanistan after a Soviet withdrawal. Professor Mujadidi said he could see no difference between the kind of government envisaged by what he described as the "fanatics and extremists" and the current Soviet-backed regime in Kabul.

He claimed that the fundamentalists were responsible for the assassination in Peshawar last month of Professor Burhanuddin Majrooh, the prominent moderate Afghan intellectual who was a leading supporter of the king, and that they had been involved in the murder of Western journalists trying to cover the war in Afghanistan.

He added: "They have been trying to assassinate me for a long time, but I am not afraid, and I will not be afraid when it happens."

UN mediator sees progress towards peace in Geneva

From Michael Hamlyn, Geneva

There has been progress on substantive issues at the Afghanistan peace talks in Geneva, according to Señor Diego Cordovez, the United Nations mediator.

After seeing the Pakistan delegation for two hours of talks yesterday, Señor Cordovez said that the progress was on "drafting, working" subjects, but that a significant meeting outside the United Nations Palais des Nations had taken place on Monday. "Here a lot of work is being done, but there is much more going on," he said.

Speculation that the Pakistani delegation, led by Mr Zain Noorani, Minister of State for Foreign Affairs, had called on Mr Nikolai Kozarev, the Soviet Ambassador-at-large who has responsibility for "special projects", could not be confirmed last night.

But it is known that the Pakistanis are anxious to press the Russians on the importance of leaving behind a government acceptable to the Afghan people as a whole, including the refugees, three million of whom at present live in Pakistan.

With the presence of Mr Robert Peck, Assistant Secretary of State, the delegation from the United States – with the Soviet Union the joint so-called "designated guarantor" of the Geneva accord now being painfully concluded here – is also at a far higher level than usual.

The delegation was given even more substance with the arrival this week of Mr Vernon Walters, the US ambassador to the United Nations, who was in Geneva to address the Commission on Human Rights which is now in session. He spoke yesterday on human rights in Cuba.

As Señor Cordovez arrived for yesterday's Afghanistan talks, he said that "this week you should do your sightseeing", indicating that not much news would emerge from the discussions taking place each morning, with the Pakistanis in one room, the Afghans in another, and Señor Cordovez running between the two.

According to the Ecuadorean mediator, who is the UN Under-Secretary in charge of political affairs (and who also deals with the Gulf War negotiations and the disputes between the two Koreas), making the agreement "does not consist of breakthroughs; it consists of very delicate, sensitive technicalities".

The Geneva accord comprises four legal documents, called instruments, which will have the force of treaties between the signatories.

The first three deal with non-interference and non-intervention in Afghanistan's internal affairs, with the return of the refugees, and with the international guarantees by the superpowers.

The last instrument deals with the relationship between the other three and lays down in particular the nine-month time limit for the withdrawal of Soviet troops that was agreed last week.

Señor Cordovez this week also met the UN High Commissioner for Refugees to discuss the reports of the three-man team of officials who have been in Afghanistan to look at the grounds for creation of an infra-structure to receive the refugees from both Pakistan and Iran (where there are another two million) after they return.

Black women protest against Botha's curbs

Members of the anti-apartheid Federation of Transvaal Women protesting outside the South African Chamber of Mines in Johannesburg yesterday. They accused the employers of remaining silent over 'the brutal repression we face'.

Mine owners condemned for 'silence'

From Michael Hornsby, Johannesburg

About 100 black women courted arrest by staging a peaceful but illegal demonstration outside the Chamber of Mines in central Johannesburg yesterday to protest against last month's *restrictions on 18 black extra-parliamentary and trade union organizations.*

They carried banners with such slogans as "Unban Democracy", "Banning Protects Mine Profits" and "Your Silence is Consent". The women dispersed as the police arrived, but several members of foreign television crews, from the American CBS network and Worldwide Television News, were briefly detained and had film confiscated.

Later a group of about 30 of the women visited the nearby offices of the British Consulate where the Consul-General, Mr John Massingham, received a delegation of four. "They asked for Britain to break off diplomatic relations with Pretoria and to impose sanctions. I explained Mrs Thatcher's well-known views on those subjects," he said.

Most of the protesters belonged to the Federation of Transvaal Women, an affiliate of the United Democratic Front, one of the organizations effectively banned last month.

The Chamber of Mines, which represents the mine employers, refused the women entry but they pushed a memorandum through a door.

By keeping silent, the memorandum said, the Chamber of Mines was consenting "to the death of any voice of peace and democracy" and "to having hundreds of men, women and children rot in jails under the state of emergency regulations".

The South African Council of Churches and the Southern African Catholic Bishops' Conference called yesterday on South Africans of all religions to attend church services on Sunday to remember detainees and "the victims of oppression and repression".

Portugal plans farm revolution

By Richard Wigg

The "Flower of the Alentejo" collective farm, formed from landowners' neglected estates after Portugal's 1974 revolution, is sure to disappear if the Lisbon Parliament approves legislation proposed by the centre-right Government of Senhor Aníbal Cavaço Silva to roll back the communist collective farms and modernize agriculture.

His Social Democrat Government has an absolute majority, and the communists' only remaining hope of saving something of the remnants of their farms would be for the legal adviser to the President, Senhor Mário Soares, to tell him the proposals are illegal.

No issue arising out of the armed forces' revolution which toppled a 50-year-old authoritarian regime generates more emotion in Portugal than the agrarian reform designed to end the big estates of the backward Alentejo.

With few exceptions, the collective farms have failed in the south because of the technical inadequacy of new farm managers and the neglect of successive governments. Agricultural workers' wages have fallen to levels below those of 1973.

The "Flower of the Alentejo" looks a sorry sight. It comprised more than 16,000 acres when it was created by amalgamating neighbouring estates and giving work to 400 people, but was obliged to sell its 130 dairy cows five years ago and is now reduced to 7,000 acres and 140 members, between 50 and 60 of whom can work only half the year.

Senhor Florindo Cana, the 57-year-old treasurer of the farm, said: "I am more against the Government than the former landowners. They should leave the workers on their co-operatives now, so that they can produce what Portugal needs but does not produce. I can see that, and I had only four years of elementary schooling. I don't understand why those clever agricultural engineers don't see it too."

Dr Arlindo Marques Cunha, the State Secretary for Agriculture, who is responsible for the modernization programme and for winding up the former collective farms, emphasized that the Government must create conditions for efficient individual farmers or genuine co-operatives within the framework of Portugal's membership of the EEC.

"We have got to improve the existing structure, not create a new one," he said.

Production figures for most agricultural products have declined over the past decade, and Portugal now has to import more than half its food and animal feeds.

Since 1976 successive governments have neglected not only the communist farms but the agriculture industry as a whole.

The risk now is that the Government's land reform proposals, backed by EEC funds, will benefit the bigger farmers.

The Government's proposals, however, will fulfil a fundamental need to introduce some legal security where widespread uncertainty as to titles in the Alentejo exists today – among big and small farmers and all kinds of co-operatives.

A points system for maximum permitted landholding before expropriation under the new proposals has been increased, and each family member will now be able to claim his own allotment.

This, the so-called "reserve" limited under the Socialists' 1977 land reform law to one member for each estate, is the basis for the communists' claim that the new proposals will simply allow the big family estates to be reconstituted.

Modernization proposals include a move to enable groups of smallholdings, with local authority help, to set up land banks. Inducements for elderly farmers to retire should help government programmes for the promotion of young tenant farmers.

The 1975 collectivization drive, aimed at fighting past injustices in the Alentejo, created new ones through mass expropriation.

The new government proposals envisage paying compensation, estimated at between £160 million and £200 million, to former owners. British interests in farms hit by the revolution amount to £1.3 million.

Lisbon (Reuter) – Metro and ferry workers held a one-day strike yesterday to press demands for higher wages, continuing strikes which have disrupted traffic in the Portuguese capital weekly since January. The state electricity authority appealed to people not to use electricity today because of a 24-hour strike.

Family die in reunion pile-up

Wikieup, Arizona (AP) – A woman driving her four grandchildren to a family reunion hit a tractor-trailer, impaling her motor home on a pipe and causing a four-vehicle pile-up and fire that killed her, the children and her husband, police said.

The death toll also included a woman who was driving a pilot lorry in front of the tractor-trailer on a narrow, twisting section of road.

Abortion fight

Ottawa – Mr William Vander Zalm, the Premier of British Columbia, has vowed to continue his anti-abortion campaign despite a court judgment which rejects his Cabinet's right to exclude abortion from the services provided under medical insurance.

Hundreds die

Bangkok (AFP) – Laos has lost 402 soldiers and had an unspecified number wounded, while Thai armed forces suffered 147 dead and 166 wounded in the countries' two-month border war, the Thai news agency said.

Pilot jailed

Los Angeles (Reuter) – An army private who claimed a lost contact lens led to his close aerial encounter with *President Reagan's helicopter* was sentenced to six years in prison for lying. All except 60 days was suspended.

Nazi protest

Vienna (Reuter) – Vandals smeared paint and daubed a swastika on a memorial to the victims of Nazism, police said, three days before commemorations of Austria's annexation by Nazi Germany.

Spying claim

Frederikshavn – Danish police arrested two Czechoslovak businessmen on spying charges for having taken photographs of West German warships off Jutland, Radio Denmark reported.

Succo move

Paris (AP) – France has asked Italy to extradite Roberto Succo, wanted by the French police for six murders and by officials in Italy and Switzerland for other crimes.

Arms raids

Bonn – West German police claimed to have smashed an important arms-dealing ring after dawn raids and several arrests in four states.

Disease area

Khartoum (Reuter) – Sudan declared its capital, Khartoum, an epidemic area, saying 600 people had contracted meningitis and 20 had died.

Same name

Kuala Lumpur (AP) – The Malaysian national registration department is standardizing the spelling of the country's most popular male name as "Muhammad" for future births, rejecting common variants such as Mohamat, Muhamat and Mohamad.

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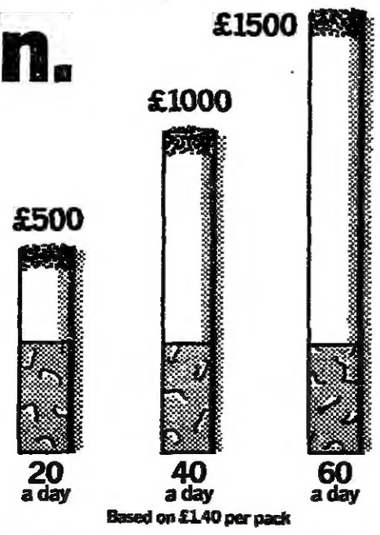

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UK's plea to deny Wright his profits

From Our Correspondent, Sydney

Mr Peter Wright, the former MI5 officer who stands to become a millionaire on the proceeds of his book *Spycatcher*, should not be allowed to profit from his disclosures, the High Court of Australia was told yesterday.

Mr Theo Simos, QC, for the British Government, said Mr Wright had breached the confidence of the British intelligence organization. "Trust, faith and confidence were placed by the Crown in Mr Wright. There is no greater trust than to make him privy to British security information. Men such as Mr Wright had been trusted to take secrets to the grave."

Mr Wright, who is 72, was too ill to attend yesterday's hearing in Canberra of the British Government's final appeal against a ruling last September by the Supreme Court of New South Wales to lift the temporary ban on the sale of *Spycatcher* in Australia. He remained at his home in Tasmania.

Seven judges, one a woman, are hearing legal submissions to decide whether to reimpose the ban on further publication of the book which has already sold 200,000 copies in Australia and whether to deny profits to the author.

At the start of yesterday's sitting in the highest court in Australia Mr Simos sought an adjournment until after a decision in June by the House of Lords in another *Spycatcher* appeal. This possible further delay infuriated Mr Wright's lawyer, Mr Malcolm Turnbull, who also represents the book's publishers, Heinemann Australia.

"This case has been before Australian courts for over 2½ years," he said. "Litigants are entitled to have their matters dealt with speedily. Mr Wright is an old man. The assistance of the House of Lords is so slight it would not justify further delay."

Mr Turnbull warned the judges of the "grave consequences which would flow if Australia follows the law of another country ... We would be abdicating rules about free speech. Mr Wright is now an Australian citizen. Heinemann is an Australian company."

The Chief Justice, Sir Anthony Mason, however, declared that the principles to be applied are of Australian law. "Under no circumstances would this court abdicate its function until the House of Lords reaches its decision."

Mr Turnbull added: "When you get the decision of the House of Lords you will note no evidence has been called by Mr Wright. Whereas you have before you all of his evidence to the Australian courts."

After a 10-minute adjournment, the judges announced that the hearing could continue.

Mr Simos then launched into a detailed legal argument about the British Government's principle that Mr Wright must not be allowed to take advantage of his position as a former MI5 officer for financial gain. He was bound to secrecy as a result of his service to the Crown.

Mr Simos was asked by Mr Justice Deane: "What if Mr Wright was going to work in London one morning? Is there an obligation to conceal where he is going? Has he to tell his wife a lie?"

Mr Simos: "I suppose so."

Mr Justice Deane: "It's a very strange situation."

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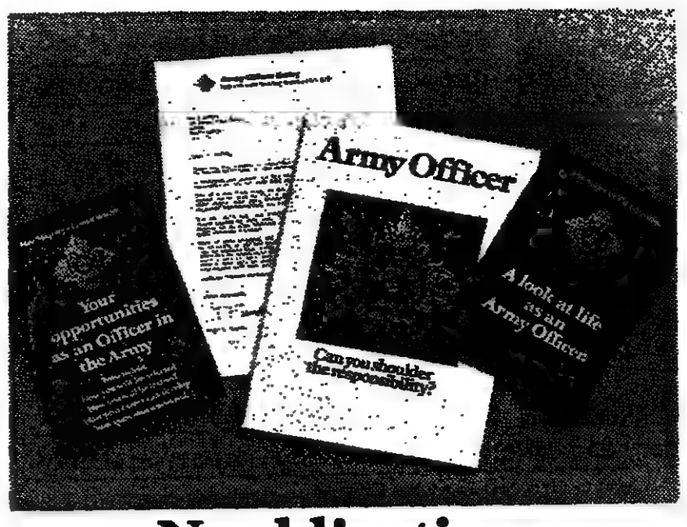

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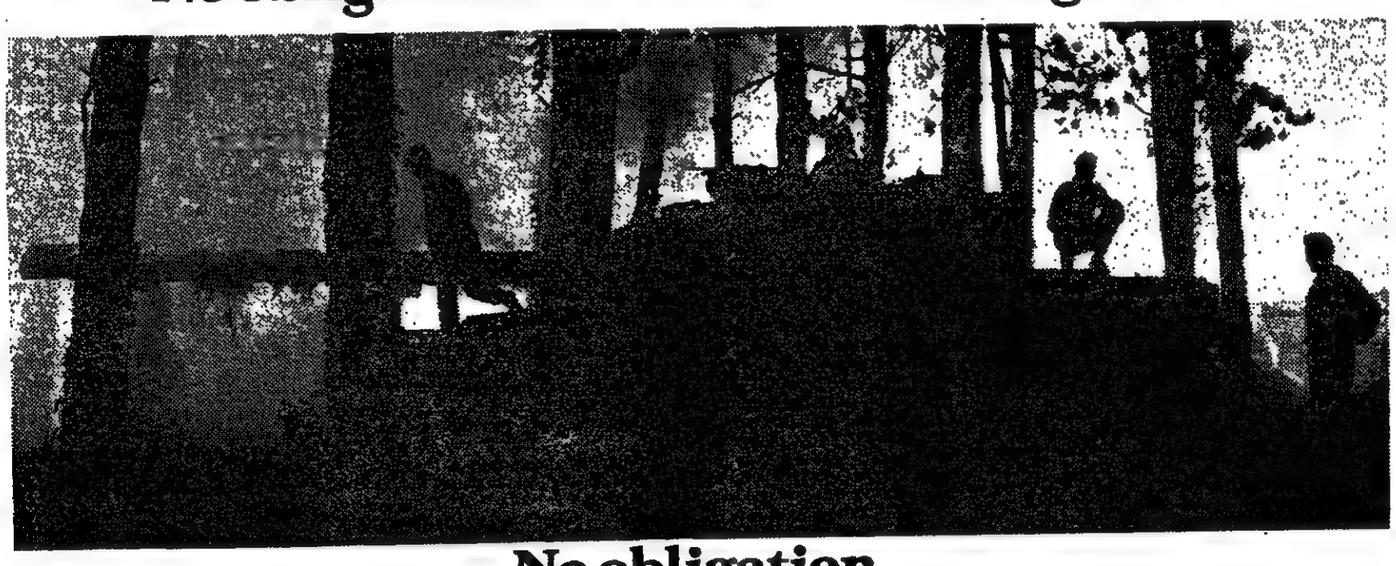

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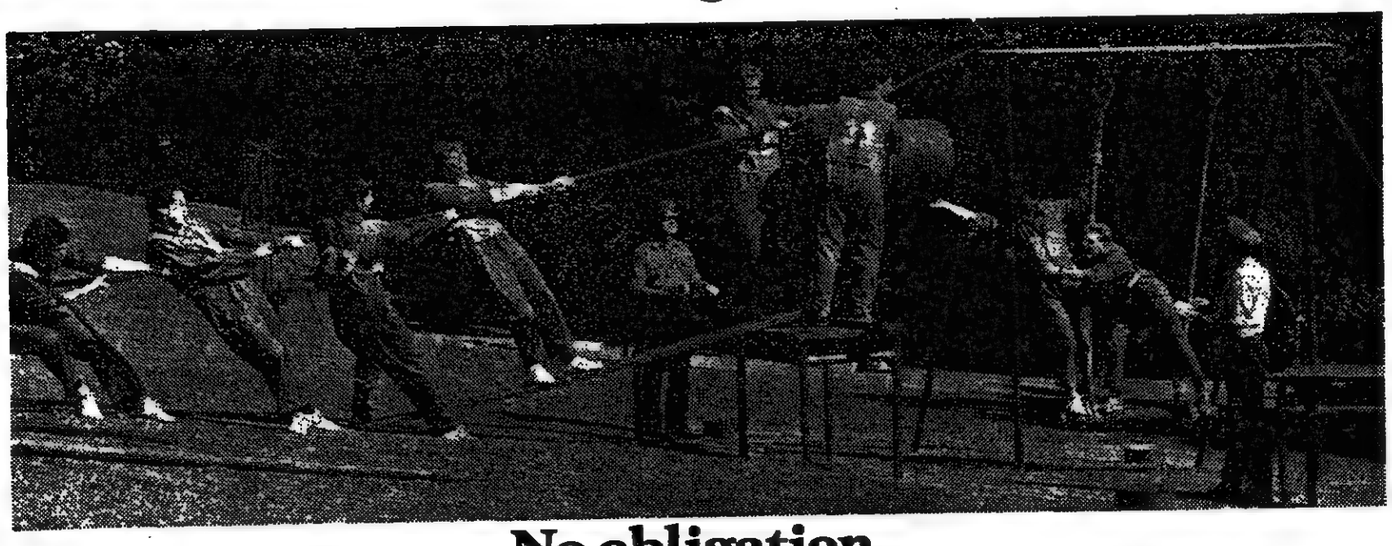

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Triumph turns to tragedy...

Yesterday's revelations in *The Times* of the discovery of Egyptian antiquities which had lain unnoticed for 60 years at Highclere Castle, the Carnarvon family home, have thrown fresh light on the Egyptian odyssey in the 1920s by the fifth Earl (left). Its climax was the opening of the tomb of Tutankhamun, the greatest find in the history of Egyptian exploration. Bryan Appleyard reports on the extraordinary and bitter saga that led the Carnarvon family to maintain a 60-year silence on the subject of Egypt — and on the disasters which gave rise to the myth of the Curse of the Mummy's Tomb

Lord and master: the fifth earl in a photograph from about 1913, probably in one of the temples at Karnak in Thebes and possibly a self-portrait taken with a timing device. With due lack of reverence, his ever-faithful terrier made sure he would not be kept out of the picture

Highclere Castle was built between 1838 and 1842 by the architect Charles Barry, whose next commission was to be the Houses of Parliament. Heavy and imposing, it stands in parkland on the 5,500 acre Carnarvon estate, just south of Newbury, in Hampshire. On the drive up to the house you pass through an avenue of 200-year-old Cedars of Lebanon, among the first trees of their kind planted in this country and now some of the biggest cedars in the world. Nearby is the famous Highclere Stud created by the fifth Earl, who looks down on both the house and the stud from his grave on top of Beacon Hill.

He never saw the face of Tutankhamun. The tomb was discovered in 1922 and Howard Carter, the Egyptologist he had employed in 1907, continued to excavate it until February 1923. He then broke off to buy more equipment. The scale of the operation was becoming clear to him and he needed more cotton wool, bandages and preservative materials that would allow him to move the pieces in safety. The usual excavation season in the valley lasted through autumn, winter and spring. In the summer the heat became intolerable.

So the tomb was closed. Carnarvon, however, was in the valley in March when he was bitten by a mosquito, an unremarkable event for a man who had been a regular visitor to Egypt for the past 20 years. But, soon afterwards, he cut the swollen bite while shaving and it became infected. He developed a skin inflammation, erysipelas, and blood poisoning.

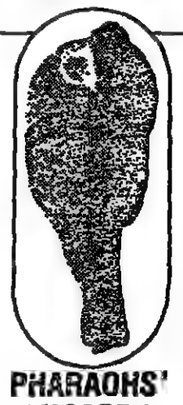
By this time the excavations in the valley were being watched by the world. *The Times* had exclusive rights to the story and was covering every development at Cairo and Luxor. The progress of Carnarvon's illness was reported almost daily.

"A bulletin issued at noon today," the newspaper reported on March 24, "states that Lord Carnarvon is making satisfactory progress and that his general condition this morning was showing a definite if not great improvement."

For weeks he seemed on the verge of recovery. But the infection spread and he contracted pneumonia.

The death certificate is one of the most moving of the hundreds of discoveries unearthed at Highclere by the present Lord Carnarvon over the eight months. The flimsy fragment of paper records flatly that the Rt Hon Henry George Stanhope, Earl of Carnarvon, male, born 22nd June 1865, aged 57 years, Church of England protestant, British and resident at the Continental Hotel in Cairo, died at 1.45am on April 5th, 1923.

Howard Carter's book — *The Tomb of Tutankhumen* — on the Tutankhamun excavation is dedicated to the fifth Earl "who died in the hour of his triumph. But for his untiring generosity and constant encouragement our labours could never have been crowned with success. His judgement in ancient art has rarely been equalled. His efforts, which have done so much to extend our knowledge of Egyptology, will ever be honoured in history, and by me his memory will always be cherished."



PHARAOHS' †HOARD†

He died with the mummy of King Tutankhamun still entombed within its shrines, coffins of wood and solid gold, its fabulous golden mask and its linen shrouds.

Five hours after the death, his son Henry, who had rushed to Cairo from his military duties in India, was addressed for the first time as Lord Carnarvon by Lord Allenby. He had inherited the estate of his cool, remote father to whom he had only ever been Lord Porchester.

Years later he described the scene: "I was playing polo in India; we'd just beaten the 11th Hussars — actually I shot the winning goal off a pony called Polly — when the clear-the-line cable came through. Viceroy Lord Reading was receiving us at that moment and he turns to his ADC and says: "Get Porchester on my private train to Bombay," and from there we were off, split-arse to Suez.

"My poor father looked dreadful, unshaven, bloodshot eyes, his moustache covered in yellow foam. I held his hot hand and I said: "it's your son Henry, Papa, I've come to make you better."

The Times obituary made it clear that the fifth Earl would be sadly missed:

"Brought up in such a home," it said, "Lord Carnarvon soon showed that he had inherited both the ability and the distinction of his parents. His was a most attractive character, and a certain unconventionality seemed to enhance his charm. No one could meet him even casually without liking him, while to his friends of all kinds and positions his loss will be really irreparable. Many of them sometimes regretted that he had no ambition for that public career for which he seemed so well equipped, but it is probable that he resembled his father in being too chivalrous a man for the hurly-burly of public life."

The death was to mark the beginning of the popular legend of the Curse of the Mummy's Tomb. It is said that, as he died, all the lights of Cairo were inexplicably extinguished. When Allenby met the Earl's son, a few hours after the death, he said: "Good morning, Carnarvon, very sorry about these lights. I've had the chief of the Royal Engineers here and he could give no explanation."

Meanwhile, back home at Highclere, at the moment of the fifth Earl's death, his favourite terrier yelped and dropped dead.

Marie Corelli, the popular novelist who was fond of producing crazy theories on anything that caught her fancy, had warned some days before Carnarvon's death that "the most dire punishment follows any intruder into a sealed tomb." The Egyptologist Arthur Weigall backed her up with grim warnings.

In fact there were a frightening number of bizarre incidents. Carnarvon's two half brothers — Aubrey and Mervyn — both died at around that time. American railway magnate Jay Gould died after visiting the tomb, and an Egyptian visitor was later shot by his wife in the London Savoy. Carter's assistant, Arthur Mace, died before the tomb was cleared, a French Egyptologist saw the tomb and died in a fall soon afterwards, Carter's secretary, Richard Bethell, died and so did Bethell's father, Lord Westbury. At Westbury's funeral an eight-year-old child was accidentally killed by the hearse.

The popular press had a field day. But the reality was that the curse was remarkably inconsistent. Carter himself lived to the age of 64, dying on March 2, 1939, in London. He was exhausted and he did not survive to complete the full technical publication of his life's work. But he had cleared the tomb as thoroughly and meticulously as seemed humanly possible. Meanwhile, many others who entered the tomb, including Lady Evelyn Herbert, lived to ripe old ages.

By now, the real drama was taking place in the Egyptian courts. Until the Tutankhamun discovery the question of who owned unearthed antiquities was settled on the basis of an old established practice. Roughly speaking, the Egyptians split the finds 50-50 with whoever paid for the digging. The contracts for excavation licences specified this deal with one important exception — if an intact tomb was found, all the contents would go to the government.

The row over the Tutankhamun discovery centred on the meaning of the word "intact". Carter and Carnarvon claimed, correctly, that the tomb had in fact been robbed twice. But the Egyptians maintained that, since the King's body was still there, the tomb was technically intact. A complex dispute ensued which, at one point, led to Carter stopping work completely.

He posted a notice outside the tomb: "Owing to impossible restrictions and discourtesies on the part of the Public Works Department and its Antiquities Service, all my collaborators, in protest, have refused to work any further upon the scientific investigations of the discovery of the tomb of Tutankhamun."

There were stories of violent rows about who was allowed to visit the tomb. But the central issue was ownership of the contents. Later research indicated that Carter ran into trouble when he was found to have been hiding a beautiful wooden head of Tutankhamun in a Fortnum & Mason crate labelled "red wine".

The dispute ended in 1924. The Carnarvon family were denied ownership of any of the finds, but at least Carter was allowed to finish the central task of his life.

The new Lord Carnarvon

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In search of the unknown frogman

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SARAH JANE CHECKLAND

A weekly look at the art world

A bloody battle is in progress. Ten thousand mice leap forward like so many Baryshnikovs, brandishing swords, while their ugly enemy, the frogs, fall in jagged agony, revealing cavernous mouths.

The scene is from the *Batrachomyomachia* — an ancient parody of Homer's *Iliad*. It relates "How threatening Mice advanced with warlike grace, and waged dire combats with the croaking race." The frogs are about to be exterminated: "Unless some fav'ring Deity descend, Soon will the Frogs' loquacious Empire end".

Executed with relish, in minutely detailed gouache, the work is clearly painted by an original, with an imagination which competes with Richard Dadd's. But whereas Dadd features proud in the history books, this artist is an unsung hero.

His name is Henry Bright (1824-1876). He lived outside Thames Ditton, Surrey, and subsequently Kennington, south London. Judging from his virtuosity, he probably had academic training. The battle scene was exhibited at the Royal Academy in 1871, and, in Bath, 1913, along with paintings by Pre-Raphaelites Rossetti and Millais. But there are no records of him in the RA schools, or in the National Art Library.

Jump to it: the frogs defend their empire in Henry Bright's version of the Batrachomyomachia

He has the added misfortune of sharing the name Henry Bright with a member of the Norwich School of painting, and also, it appears, with an Edwardian who specialized in painting robins on Christmas cards — possibly our frogman's son. But now he has acquired some champions: fine art dealers called the Lees, based in Bruton Place, west London. After four years research, they have accumulated four works by him.

Their first Henry Bright acquisition was made early in 1984 when another dealer showed them a Polaroid of a French clock. Beside it was a photograph of "View of Three Thrones" — another surging crowd scene, this time entirely of frogs. In dozens of cameo scenes, it parodied French politics in the nineteenth century as it proceeded through imperialist, monarchist, republican and communard rules in quick succession.

The Iliad scene came up at Sotheby's in March 1984, where the Lees paid £25,300, which was £20,000 over estimate. "Clearly people saw the quality of it", as Charles Lee says.

Then, in 1986, they discovered an advert in a 1956 copy of *Country Life*, in which the author, writing from Suffolk, described a painting in his possession. "Two members of the landed froggery are walking into an ambush . . . Can you throw any light on Henry Bright?" Despite the time lapse, the Lees wrote in and, to their astonishment, got a reply. The author, now in America, explained he had given it to a friend who resembled a toad, and who lived in New York.

Charles Lee made an appointment to call on the current owner — an eminent author — but on arrival, heard the painting had just been stolen. It has not been seen since. Now two further works have turned up: a whimsical certificate of the "Ancient Order (or Modern Disorder) of Foresters" — a parody of chivalry — and a vignette of frog robbers counting their loot.

Keen to keep Bright's paintings in Britain, they approached the Tate Gallery offering to sell, but were turned down because he has no conventional track record. "People won't judge a thing by its merits, but like to look it up in a dictionary", Charles Lee says.

Now it is up to us to search our attics for further Henry Brights. Then he can win recognition at last. That is as long as the Lee's resolution lasts. Swiss collectors have just emerged, pleading to buy.

■ Artfile will appear on Thursday as usual next week.

■ No less than 21 top London dealers are packing for Maastricht for a busman's holiday, costing £25,000 a go. The largest art fair Europe has known opens on March 19 in the town's new exhibition centre, with 100 stands and a prospective turnover of £40 million.

Art fairs have existed since the 17th century. Vermeer peddled his paintings in them, so did van Goyen. Now, in pre-unification Europe, we are told the international version is the forum of the future.

Clemens Vanderven, a Dutch organizer, lists Maastricht's merits. Its Dutch location is convenient for French and German dealers; it has a new airport; it offers a "Champs Elysés of art, with paintings on one side and antiques on the other" — the perfect place for the busy, collecting, billionnaire. He revels in the quality London newcomers: Danny Katz, Wartski, Bernheimer.

But changing the art world's axis, even temporarily, is not as simple as it sounds. "London is already the best permanent fair in existence, with its concentration of Old Master dealers" says Thomas Brod, of The Brod Gallery, St James's. For him, Maastricht is a huge maw: "The pictures are broadcast all over. When you come back, prospective buyers have already seen them"

He and his stay-at-home friends are not surprised Mr Vanderven is pushing Maastricht so hard. But why, they ask, should those who have a perfectly good shop, shut it up and join the bandwagon?

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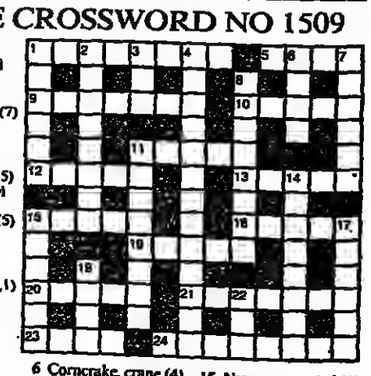

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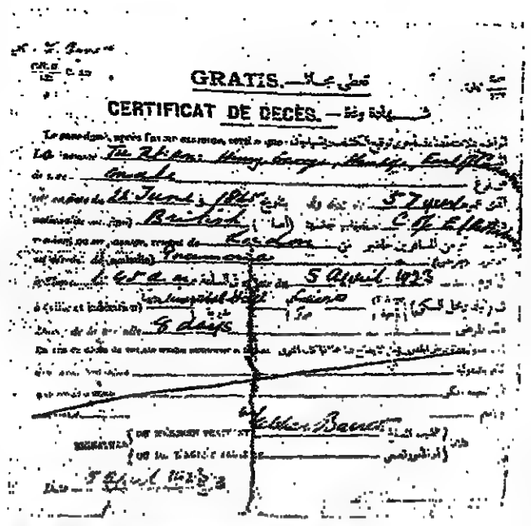
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Deadly mythology: Lord Carnarvon's death certificate (top), and the terrier, then back in England, who died at the same moment as the earl

The fruits of an obsession

Even the less successful Carnarvon-Carter digs are now shown to have produced important finds, says British Museum curator Dr Nicholas Reeves

In 1903, two years after his near-fatal motoring accident, the fifth Earl of Carnarvon decided to make Egypt his winter home. Like so many of his contemporaries, he took to Egyptology; but what began as a casual interest, developed rapidly into an obsession.

In 1906 the Egyptian Government allotted him a site at Sheikh Abd el-Qurna, a region of the Theban necropolis or burial ground. Carnarvon worked feverishly for six weeks during the spring of 1907. The results were meagre – a large mummified cat, now in the Cairo Museum, was the only find of note – but the fifth Earl's appetite had been whetted.

He realized, however, that for future work he would need expert guidance. His choice fell upon Howard Carter, a former chief inspector of the Egyptian Antiquities Service who had fallen on hard times and was eking out a living as a watercolour artist in Luxor.

The interests of both men were from the start directed towards the Valley of the Kings, where Egypt's rulers were buried between the 18th and 20th dynasties. The concession to excavate, however, was held by an American, Theodore M. Davis, so Carter and Carnarvon had to content themselves with work in the non-royal tombs of Asasif.

During the 1912 season, Carnarvon divided his efforts between Sakha, in the Nile Delta, and a site which was identified as the Roman period settlement of Thynabounoun, at Thebes. In 1913, Carnarvon turned his attention to el-Balamun, an important tell, or settlement mound, in the eastern Delta. Though results were better than at Sakha, they still did not match expectations and work was abandoned.

Diggings at Thynabounoun continued into 1914, though without any inspiring discoveries. Carter therefore decided to investigate a newly-uncovered tomb further to the north which he identified as that of King Amenophis I (ruled 1514-1493 BC) and his mother, Ahmose-Nofretiri.

In June 1914, following the death of Davis, Carnarvon was at last able to secure the concession to the Valley of the Kings. Carnarvon had recently bought three magnificent bracelet plaques believed to have been plundered from the tomb of Amenophis III (ruled 1390-1353 BC) so work began in the Western Annexe at the tomb site. Carter uncovered four intact foundation deposits which provided evidence that work on quarrying the tomb had begun in the reign of Amenophis III's father, Tuthmosis IV. Several hundred fragments of the king's funerary equipment were then discovered in the tomb.

In 1916, Carnarvon sponsored Carter's clearance of the recently-discovered cliff-tomb prepared for Queen Hatshepsut, the widow of Tuthmosis II, but in 1917 work was resumed in the Valley of the Kings. The only discovery of note during the next few seasons, made on February 26, 1920, was a cache of 13 splendid jars bearing the names of Ramesses II (ruled 1279-1213 BC) and his successor, Merenptah (ruled 1213-1204 BC). They appear to have contained oils employed in the mummification of the latter king.

> *'The objects rediscovered at Highclere include several pieces of first-rate importance'*

Carnarvon was permitted to retain six of these vessels by the Egyptian authorities, but they were a poor recompense for the time and money expended and, by 1922, the fifth Earl's interest was clearly on the wane.

Prevailed upon by Carter, he agreed to one last season, and on November 4, 1922, Carter made his historic discovery of the first of a series of steps leading down to the tomb of Tutankhamun. Less than two years later Lord Carnarvon was dead and his superb collection had left Highclere for good, packed by Carter. Yet the collection Carter had put together was not complete, as a postscript reveals: "A few unimportant antiquities not belonging to this series I left at Highclere."

Carter's evaluation of this material was coloured, no doubt, by the magnificent treasures from Tutankhamun's tomb. The objects rediscovered at Highclere are undoubtedly more modest, but the collection includes several pieces of first-rate importance. Some are immediately recognizable from published accounts, others were previously known only from descriptions in Carter's papers.

From the seasons of 1907-1911, come several items from two of the richest burials they cleared: tombs 24 and 37 in the Asasif. The Highclere finds include two bright blue faience bowls, fine examples of their type, and the remains of a charming blue faience hippopotamus, frog and lion. Two dismantled but otherwise complete wooden jewel boxes are also included, as is an incomplete third box and a selection of its contents – gold-capped hardstone cylinders and gold, silver, faience and carnelian beads.

Among the successes of the Balamun season, is the discovery of silver jewellery of the late Ptolemaic period and two bronze figures representing the god Harpocrates (Horus the Child) and the Apis bull. Both date to around 400 BC.

But perhaps the most important group of pieces from the rediscovery is that which represents Carnarvon's share of material from his unpublished clearance of the tomb of Amenophis III in 1915. The group includes several objects from the tomb's foundation deposits, with bright blue faience plaques bearing the cartouches of its founder, Tuthmosis IV.

Fragments of the king's wooden *shabti* figures are also present; one foot fragment, in alabaster, carries the name of the king's consort, Tiye.

Dark lady of the sands: this papyrus fragment is believed to have come from Lord Carnarvon's excavations in the necropolis at Thebes, probably between 1907-11

A resin-coated wooden panel, perhaps from a box, also carries the queen's name. Among a mass of broken debris which Carter recovered from the well and well-chamber of Amenophis III's tomb are several faience beads, sequins and amulets. A small but important openwork fragment, also of blue faience, similarly preserves the lower part of a standing female figure. It is almost certainly from a bracelet plaque similar in design to those (now in the Metropolitan Museum) which had first prompted Carnarvon and Carter to embark upon their clearance of the tomb.

A large alabaster jar with lid, found in the Muniment Room, may be identified from Carter's notes as one of the group discovered in the Valley of the Kings in 1920. Of the remaining five which formed Carnarvon's share, two are now in the British Museum and one is in the Metropolitan Museum of Art.

The provenance of a number of the 300 or so pieces rediscovered at Highclere is still uncertain. Among the more interesting of the unattributed pieces are: a well-carved ivory head with painted gypsum wig, probably dating from the late Middle Kingdom (1987-1640 BC); a splendid blue crown from a composite statue of New Kingdom date (1540-1075 BC); Book of the Dead fragments on papyrus from the New Kingdom and later, containing spells to guarantee a carefree existence in the next world; and a number of small, chalice fragments from the Third Intermediate Period (1075-716 BC).

Further study will no doubt shed more light on the origins of these pieces. They may then be assigned their proper place in the reassessment of the Carnarvon-Carter seasons which now seems called for.

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was disgusted with the whole affair. His childhood had, in any case, left him with little sympathy for his father's enthusiasms. On returning to Highclere he banned any mention of Tutankhamun or Egyptology. The one connection he was to retain with Egypt for the remainder of his life was that he would occasionally go race-riding there. The servants thought he was afraid of the curse. Either way most of the massive accumulation of antiquities collected before the discovery of Tutankhamun's tomb were sold to the Metropolitan Museum in New York, apparently cleansing the house of its connections with ancient Egypt.

The sixth Earl's son, the present Lord Carnarvon, was born in January 1924 at the height of the ownership row.

"My father never wanted to talk about it at all," he recalled at his London home in Knightsbridge. "Our nannies or servants would say it was because he was frightened of the curse of the Pharaohs. But the truth was he felt he had been entitled to whatever my grandfather should have got from the Egyptian Government. I always remember my father said the judge in the final hearing was Italian – he said they were all pro-Egyptian in those days."

One curious piece of evidence that the ban was not quite complete, however, has been rediscovered at Highclere. It is a painting done by the present Earl when he was eight. It shows the face of Tutankhamun.

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TOMORROW

Why did Howard Carter (left) send the Carnarvon collection to the Bank of England? Why was it sold to New York? And why was some of it quietly stored away at Highclere?

ROUND FOURTEEN — QUESTIONS

Try all the questions — remember it's the top scores that count

1 LOGIC Score 14

Solve the logic behind this diagram. What should replace the question mark?

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2 VERBAL Score 14

Using the same letter for both words, replace the first letter of each word either side of the brackets in order to create two new words. Place the letter you have used inside the brackets and then, by reading down, you will discover a new word. What is it?

MEAL ( ) CORE
PEAT ( ) CAVE
BOUT ( ) DOOM
TON ( ) GRATE
LICE ( ) FEAR
BARN ( ) MAST

NB. All words appear in the large edition of the Collins English Dictionary

3 MATHS Score 12

You should be able to discover the reasoning behind this diagram. Tell us what will replace the question mark.

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64	49	36

4 MISCELLANEOUS Score 12

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2. Which Greek was called "the father of history" by Cicero?
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4. Who was the mother of the actress Liza Minnelli?
5. Which author created Captain Horatio Hornblower?

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ALAN COREN

Were you seeking to pinpoint the subtle differences between Proust's sensibilities and my own, you would need look no further than Mare Street, E8. Where Marcel required only the delicate collision between incisor and dunked madeleine to exhume buried infancy, mine sprang out like a ferreted rabbit at the first acrid whiff of the Hackney Empire's proscenial dust.

Given that the main constituent of domestic grime is, I understand, old desquamated skin, and that the stage of the Hackney Empire appears to have gone unswept for half a century, I could well, last Saturday, have been sniffing pure Max Miller; if not, indeed, Little Tich and Marie Lloyd. But whatever it was, its familiarity detonated the memory: the instant I set toe on stage I was suddenly back in the Forties, to that terrible moment in *Cinderella* when Tommy Trinder demanded that every tot in the house step up and help him sing his song, and my mother — normally the most sensitive of women — grasped the scruff of my neck and, swept along no doubt by the communal tide of maternal ambition, thrust me forward to embark on that glittering theatrical career which was to last a full five minutes before collapsing in hysterical tears. Even now, I am unable to sit in the stalls without breaking out in a muck sweat lest Hamlet suddenly invite me to come up and help him finish off Claudius.

Last Saturday the stage was empty but the view was the same: four tiers of serried plush and gilded plaster rolling back as many decades and refilling the ears with vanished cackling. I was there not, this time, to wave my handkerchief when Buttons cried *Puff, puff, choo, choo, and off we go!* but to chuck a bit in the box to help preserve the only Edwardian variety palace to strike the bingo shackles from its feet and be reborn free. Nine years ago, as Mecca began dismantling the old dear, English Heritage came to the aid of a distraught Hackney Society and, after a brief court skirmish, a deal was struck with the Hackney Empire Preservation Trust, to whom Mecca would sell the building on the undertaking that the Trust would restore it.

Much of the restoration has been carried out, the theatre has been up and running variety for a year — the foyer sports handbills for George "I'm Not Well" Williams and Syd Wright Ace Xylophonist and, oh joy!, Billy Moore the Yodelling Accordionist — but Mecca Leisure still requires £150,000 for the freehold if the place is not to revert to bouncing ping-pong balls and short-term dreams.

Help, buy it. Phone Ann Cartwright on 986-0171. It's the only remaining purpose-built variety theatre in the south, and it must not be purpose-unbuilt. Remember Max Miller's immortal words? *"There'll never be another!"*

BARRY FANTONI

'Your references are excellent but I can't see you with a droopy moustache and gold medallion'

It would seem to have got up the nose of Malawi's Minister of Justice. Nor does the Minister of External Affairs have a good word to say about me. As for the Minister of Works and Supplies, he is at one with the Minister of Agriculture in believing me to be a thoroughly bad lot.

Since all these influential fellows are not only one and the same man but also reside in happy co-existence beneath the natty suiting of the President For Life, you will understand my concern at having fallen so foul of Dr Hastings Kamuzu Banda that he will not have me in the house. Or, at any rate, my books.

This dispiriting intelligence arrived via Paul Theroux, a fellow victim of Dr Banda's displeasure, who was kind enough to send me a photostat of Malawi's *Catalogue of Banned Publications*, which normally costs, I note, 3 *kwasha*. I do not know how much 3 *kwasha* is, since the *kwasha* — or, when singular, possible *kwashum* — has never appeared on those annual royalty statements which mark the beginning and end of my interest in foreign exchange rates; but however much it is, I am grateful to Mr Theroux for saving me from forking it out. If Hastings Banda won't buy my books, I don't see why I should buy his.

What baffles me is why he won't. The *Catalogue* does not say. It merely places my name beween Coral, K., author of *Lesbo Nurses On The Make*, and Cox, Alain, author of *The French Maid* — and thus not to be confused with Cox, Richard (*Blow me Hot, Blow Me Cool*), Cox, William (*Hot Times*), or Cox, M. (*Oversexed Astronauts*).

Fascinated to discover how my unsalacious cobblings might have placed me in the somewhat single-minded company of these other toilers in the literary vineyard, I embarked on a series of intercontinental phone calls costing God knows how many *kwasha*, none of which shed the faintest glimmer, especially the final desperate one to the Government Printer in Zomba, identified as the office responsible for publishing the pamphlet, who listened, laughed, and rang off.

At least, he *said* he was the Government Printer. More likely Hastings Banda again.

If only the good doctor had the funnybone of the young black dude, whose boy racer turboed past me yesterday on Finchley Road! As the quadri-barrelled exhaust dwindled, its plumes framed a number plate that made the spirits somersault: IAGO.

Othello is avenged.

Gordon Brown puts forward a Labour view of a radical Budget

Scrap these tax perks

Mr Lawson is said to harbour a wish to be remembered as a radical Chancellor. This Budget offers him a unique opportunity to introduce a truly radical new element to Britain's present taxation system: fairness.

As things stand, unfairness is of the essence. For the less well-off taxation is inevitable. For the rich it is now merely optional.

A few major loopholes for big speculators and higher earners mean that the rich need pay their proper share of taxes only if they are exceptionally badly advised. These tax loopholes cost the nation more than £1,000 million a year, a sum that would go a long way in industrial investment, in the NHS, or in reducing the tax rate for ordinary citizens stuck with PAYE.

Perhaps the best known tax-avoidance scheme is the one which recently gave trees in the north of Scotland such a bad name. It is only one of many, and, costing £35 million a year, one of the less expensive. Hotels for the homeless offer the investor the opportunity to cash in on the miseries that have followed cut-backs in local authority housing budgets.

A typical example embodying this Thatcherite miracle would be a 45-room bed and breakfast establishment which turns the homelessness of the many into a tax-haven facility for the fortunate few. Its revenue is assured: around £11,000 a week from board and lodging paid for principally by local authorities. Its capital funding poses no problem either: a score or so investors chipping in up to £40,000 each in return for a £24,000 tax break, effectively a free handout from less ingenious taxpayers, can easily be found and would be rewarded yet again when the rapidly appreciating building is sold off in a few years. Officially designated Business Expansion Schemes, such hotels are quite monumentally cynical ventures in tax avoidance by the very well off.

Business Expansion Schemes are now mushrooming among private hospitals, nursing homes, health clubs, and now private schools, as well as in homeless accommodation. They cost us £85 million a year in lost tax. Around £60 million a year is also lost to the Exchequer in tax-shelter schemes in some of the poorest areas of Britain. By acquiring property in officially designated Enterprise Zones the rich can now enjoy tax avoidance opportunities formerly available only in such places as Panama, Lichtenstein, the Isle of Man and the Channel Islands.

The system is simple: investment in Enterprise Zone factories can be set against top rates of tax while offering rental income. Typically the sums involved range from £20,000 to £1 million — spending power that is not lost to the rich investor because, on the strength of his investment, cash can be borrowed back. So soft a touch has the British tax system become for the very rich that exotic tax havens are now virtually unnecessary. Why send any of it to the Dutch Antilles when you can have it all in the Isle of Dogs?

In terms of individual advantage, executive share options are probably the most lavish mechanism yet devised for helping the rich to help themselves. In each of the last three years a lucky 50,000, mainly directors and senior executives, have helped themselves to more than £100 million in avoided taxation. All gains are automatically free of top-rate income tax. Only Capital Gains Tax need be paid, and experience suggests that this too can be avoided.

For the last three years changes in indexation and identification rules governing Capital Gains Tax have made it easier for individuals and institutions to sell shares one night and buy back the next morning, thus creating a book loss to wipe out Capital Gains Tax liability.

One such massive operation on the night of November 3, 1987, involved 105 million privatized BP shares and established a loss for tax purposes of £52 million — at a cost of £18 million to the Exchequer. In all, the Chancellor will probably lose £900 million of Capital Gains Tax revenue in the current financial year. In this way ordinary tax-payers have picked up the bill for much of the Stock Exchange losses of those at the top.

All these perks for the wealthy are on top of the very considerable tax advantages that already accrue to them from retirement annuity pensions, company cars and business entertainment.

By taking full advantage of the various help-the-rich schemes that create tax shelters in forests, hotels and run-down industrial estates, the average man on a million a year need now pay the taxman nothing in income tax and only £1,381 in National Insurance contributions, the kind of sum deducted at source from a PAYE wage-earner on an annual income of £5,800, less than half the average wage.

If ever there were an opportunity for radicalism in the cause of tax reform, this is it. Next Tuesday we shall see how Mr Lawson rises to the challenge.

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Conor Cruise O'Brien

The twin threat to India

Last Thursday Sikh terrorists belonging to the Khalistan Commando Force massacred at least 34 Hindus who were celebrating their spring harvest festival of Holi in a village of northern Punjab.

The calculations behind the Holi Day massacre seemed to have been very similar to those of the IRA men who carried out the Poppy Day massacre at Enniskillen last November. In both cases the idea was not merely to kill as many members of a particular community as possible but at the same time deliberately to violate an occasion sacred to the community in question.

The hope in each case was to provoke a fierce backlash from the community attacked against the community to which the terrorists themselves belonged. The greater the backlash, in the terrorists' view, the more their own community would be driven to close ranks around them, seeing them not as terrorists but as the heroic defenders of a threatened people.

Thursday's massacre, like other killings occurring daily in the Punjab — at a far higher rate than in Northern Ireland — was perpetrated in the name of Khalistan. But what is Khalistan?

Khalistan is the State of the Pure, meaning the Sikhs. It is generally assumed that, in practice, Khalistan means the secession of Punjab from India. But there is more to it than that, it seems. In the precincts of the Golden Temple at Amritsar, at the end of last month, I was handed a mimeographed document headed "Map of Khalistan". The document is issued in the name of the Panthic Committee, the umbrella organization which regularly issues, from the temple precincts, policy statements on behalf of the five main Sikh terrorist groups.

The document I was handed looked to me like a map of India, and I said so. I was corrected, in a scholarly manner, by Nirvar Singh, spiritual leader of the holy war for Khalistan. "Not *all* of the present India," he said. "Jammu and Kashmir are not included."

With that exception, then, Khalistan is the present India, but made over, in accordance with Sikh specifications. The verbal entries on the map are all in Punjabi, in the Gurmukhi script, peculiar to the Sikhs, being the vehicle of their sacred writings. Some places are renamed, sometimes drastically so. The Indian capital, Delhi, is given a new Sikh name: "Tenth Guru City." Delhi's international airport — now called Indira Gandhi Airport — is to be called Beant Singh Airport, after one of Mrs Gandhi's two Sikh bodyguards who murdered her in October 1984.

To most Indians, this last change in nomenclature would sound very much as would, to most Americans, a modest proposal to change the name of John F. Kennedy International Aiport to Lee Harvey Oswald International Airport.

On the face of it, the Khalistan project, as currently expounded in the precincts of the Golden Temple, seems like a piece of simple lunacy. Sikhs form fewer than 2 per cent of the total population of India; it is not even remotely possible that India could ever be turned into a Sikh state. Yet, within the apparent lunacy of the Khalistan project, there is a disconcerting gleam of rational politics. That gleam consists of the omission, from the map of Khalistan, of Jammu and Kashmir.

Jammu and Kashmir are claimed by Pakistan, as part of its own rightful territory. And Pakistan is discreetly backing the Sikh war for "Khalistan". So it would be impolitic for the Sikhs to claim Jammu and Kashmir as part of Khalistan. As the "map of Khalistan" reflects the political logic of that, we may infer that the holy warriors of the Golden Temple are not quite as crazy as they may sometimes sound.

Even the wild maximalism of that map has a certain political logic behind it. The war which the Sikh extremists are waging, with Pakistani backing, is a war for the destruction of India. Both the Sikh extremists and their Pakistani backers have powerful motives for revenge: the Pakistanis for the loss of Kashmir and Bangladesh; the Sikhs for the "desecration of the Golden Temple."

Historically, the Pakistani-Sikh alliance must appear unnatural. The Muslims, in Moghul times, were the great persecutors of the Sikhs, and in modern times the most hideous massacres which accompanied the partition of the sub-continent in 1947 were of Sikhs by Muslims and of Muslims by Sikhs. Yet during the present decade a common hostility to the government of India has brought numbers of Sikhs and Muslims closer together politically. Muslim contingents, carrying the green flag with the crescent, now attend the political-religious rallies of the Sikhs; something that would have been unthinkable while memories of the partition period were fresh.

Between Sikh and Muslims on the one hand, as against the government of India on the other, there is also the bond of a common attitude towards the proper relations of religion to the state. For both Sikhs and Muslims — no doubt with some exceptions — religion and state are inseparable. A secular state is a godless state, and therefore illegitimate. A democratic state, based on the suffrage of people of all religions, and of no religions, is also godless and illegitimate. By both criteria, the government of India is stripped of legitimacy in the eyes of those who feel that way about these things. And many Hindu extremists, much as they detest Muslims and Sikhs alike, feel the same way about India's secular and democratic state.

In the 40 years of its existence, independent India has weathered many challenges to its system of government and has managed to preserve the secular and democratic character of the Indian state. I believe it will weather the present challenge also. Yet the challenge coming from the Punjab appears more serious than any earlier, for a number of reasons. Previous challenges came mostly from less developed marginal regions, and from poor sections of the population. The Punjab is the richest of India's provinces, and the Sikhs are among the richest and the most dynamic of India's people; they have also a formidable military tradition.

True, most Sikhs are not in favour of Khalistan. But neither do they repudiate it. Representative Sikh gatherings grumble about the Indian government's reaction to Sikh terrorism while taking great care never to allude to the existence of the terrorism the government has to fight. "Hands off the Golden Temple!" is the public position of almost all Sikhs, even moderate people who know that the temple precincts are the main focus for terrorist activity in Punjab.

These proclivities of the Sikh population — proclivities exploited by the terrorists and their Pakistani backers — have combined to make the region around Amritsar and along the border with Pakistan into one of the principal — and least publicized — zones of terrorism in the world today. The terrorists cannot hope to defeat the forces of the central government. But they can hope, with the precedent of the 1984 anti-Sikh Delhi riots in mind, to intensify their campaign of terror in such a way as to precipitate a major communal backlash among the Hindu majority against minorities, and so precipitate the disintegration of India amid scenes which would recall those that accompanied partition in 1947.

Fortunately, the cohesive and centripetal forces in India are probably stronger than the terrorists would allow for. Many people — even, I suspect, many Sikhs, in private — realize the extent of the disasters which would follow if the terrorist programme were to make significant advances. Yet the threat remains strong enough to make the struggle a momentous one.

Much is at stake, not only for India but also for the future of democratic and secular institutions throughout the world. Few people here appear to realize this, for Western news coverage from the subcontinent is at present far from being proportionate to the magnitude of the issues at stake there.

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Commentary • WOODROW WYATT

Pressure cooking

Mahatma Gandhi's "Quit India" civil disobedience movement was unnecessary exhibitionism. The decision for self-rule had been made with the Goverment of India Act 1935 by which provincial governments were elected with almost full autonomy and by which there could have been a Viceroy's Council chosen by the political parties. All was ready for a natural slide over to quick independence if the war had not intervened, during which the divisions between Muslims and Hindus hardened. Gandhi's Congress tried ineffectually to sabotage the war against Japan while Jinnah's Muslim League was all for it.

The legacy of that was Pakistan and hundreds of thousands slaughtered over the partition lines: there would have been no Pakistan if Gandhi had worked with instead of against the Government of India Act 1935. The British are ingrained democrats. It was always their intention to leave India when its inhabitants wanted us to go. We were not forced out. Wavell, the Viceroy, used to explain to me in 1946 that he could hold India securely with 30,000 British troops. So it was with the rest of our Empire.

It was impossible for us to establish rule abroad without planting the democratic seeds of its own destruction. Schoolbooks preached the virtues of democracy, which must inevitably include self-government, and the press was uncensored except rarely in an emergency. It was Clement Attlee who signalled the post-war wind of change, not Macmillan. Despite Churchill's vehement protests it reflected the general feeling of the British, who rightly felt uncomfortable about governing people against their will, particularly after fighting a second war to prevent just that.

Mr Gorbachov's Soviet Union is quite another matter. There has never been any democracy in Russia, save Kerensky's 10-month provisional government. It is a concept so far incomprehensible to Russians, whether under the Tsars or the communists. A free press and free emigration are light years away. The idea that subject peoples might prefer independence to rule by Soviet puppet governments is met with genuine disbelief in the Kremlin and way down the line of the communist apparatus. The communists' religion, allied to age-old Russian autocracy, is set in concrete against self-determination and one man-one vote.

Brave Mr Gorbachov with his *perestroika* and his *glasnost* has embarked on exceedingly perilous adventures. The more private enterprise is allowed, offering more individual choice, the more consumers will want and the more the entrepreneurs will press for fewer restraints. The demand will feed upon itself, and free enterprise and free consumer choice are difficult to check without abolishing them once they have begun to grow. Questions will be asked and ever more vigorous complaints made, which is the beginning of progress towards democracy, however limited to start with.

Tolerating demonstrators and rioters in the Baltic states, Armenia and Azerbaijan under Mr Gorbachov's policy of allowing some, if scant, political and nationalist expression can go in one of two directions. Either the troops must shoot to kill, as the Tsar's did and the reactionary communists in the Kremlin would like, or genuine accommodations must be made with the national aspirations of the subject peoples which will rapidly grow if not knocked on the head instantly. Giving way would threaten Moscow's grip on the many nations which the Russian state has conquered and held since it began its imperialist expansion in 1462.

Today only about half the population of the Soviet Union (excluding the occupied East European countries) are Russians. They are being overtaken numerically by higher birth rates among the minorities, many of whom speak no Russian. The problem is not merely in the areas where there have been recent troubles: a properly conducted plebiscite in the Ukraine, for instance, would horrify the Kremlin at the strength of support for real autonomy. A similar one in the occupied East European countries would have the Russians out tomorrow. It is all fascinating and exciting stuff.

Mr Gorbachov may be a genius statesman who can gently ease the lid off without the pot boiling over and destroying the cook. If the troubles mount and his critics grow louder he may have to force the lid back on again. That would be messy. Alternatively, he could be overthrown by the communist imperialists in the Kremlin on the proposition that Stalin and the Tsars were right and that Gorbachov's liberalism would lead to the unacceptable decline of the Russian Empire.

We would be wise to keep our powder dry.

SCIENCE REPORT

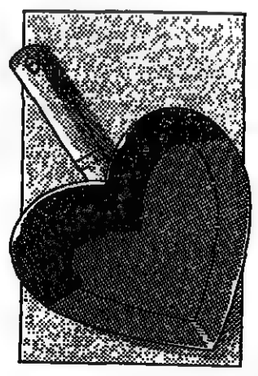
Sticking point

The stability of a class of fluorine chemicals renowned for their resistance to change has been called into question by research at Glasgow University. The development will give pause to those counting on the chemicals' stability in experiments — in developing artificial blood, for example — but it is also a potential route to the synthesis of new important chemicals.

David MacNicol and Colin Robertson, who describe their research in the current issue of *Nature*, say they have already applied for a British patent for their discovery.

They have been working with chemicals called saturated fluorocarbons — hydrocarbons in which all the hydrogen atoms have been replaced by atoms of the element fluorine. Although fluorine on its own is the most reactive element of all, its atoms bind to carbon atoms so strongly that almost nothing can prise them apart. This property makes saturated fluorocarbons ideal when inertness is a priority. The best-known example is polytetrafluorethylene, better known by its trade-name, Teflon.

But saturated fluorocarbons are also used as aerosol propellants and refrigerants (in which they are implicated as threats to stratospheric ozone) as well as industrial solvents and plastics. The property of some of them to bind loosely to oxygen accounts for their interest as blood substitutes, for which chemical stability is essential.



John Lawson

The surprise outcome of the Glasgow research is that some fluorocarbons can be made to participate in chemical changes under quite mild conditions. Usually, they have to be heated to about 500 deg C with metal catalysts, or irradiated with gamma rays, before they will react chemically.

MacNicol believes that "the inertness of fluorocarbons was more in the mind than in the molecules". He draws an analogy with the inert gases, elements including the rare gases xenon and krypton which, until 20 years ago, were believed to be incapable of forming chemical compounds.

The starting point for the Glasgow work is the discovery by MacNicol and Robertson that perfluorodecalin, one of the fluorocarbons used in blood substitutes, reacts at ordinary temperatures with certain other organic molecules known by the term "nucleophilic", particularly in appropriate solvents.

The reactions now described are slow, taking months at room temperature. But eventually all the fluorine atoms are broken off and are replaced by molecular groups whose composition depends on the reaction partners, members of a class of chemicals known as arenethiolates in the experiments now described.

MacNicol and Robertson emphasize the interest of the chemical reactions which, however slowly, appear to be able to detach fluorine atoms from carbon atoms under moderate laboratory conditions. But they are also keenly interested in the potential usefulness of the reaction as a means of making novel synthetic chemicals.

In particular, MacNicol says, it is hoped to use the reaction to make extremely pure saturated fluorocarbon polymers which will be crystalline in form, but equipped with cavities on an atomic scale and with a shape that can be predicted in advance and into which other small molecules will fit snugly.

Materials with similar properties, such as the natural, and recently, synthetic zeolites are now widely used as catalysts, but the molecular specificity the materials can provide is also of interest to pharmaceutical companies in the designing and targeting of drug molecules.

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THE RISING POUND

The decision to allow the pound to float upwards is the right choice made in the wrong way. While some tightening of monetary policy has become desirable, abandoning the target range for sterling has removed one of the few fixed points of the Government's monetary policy.

For several months the pound has traded in the range of between DM2.90 and DM3, and the longer this continued the more effective the exchange rate became as a point of reference in the Government's economic policies. By sticking to a stable pound the Government has been able to obtain some of the benefits of full membership of the European Monetary System, while retaining the flexibility of staying outside.

Uncapping sterling has removed that certainty. An exchange rate policy which can be altered in an upward direction at any moment may be equally vulnerable in a downward direction. This puts a heavy obligation on the Chancellor, Mr Nigel Lawson, to explain in his Budget next Tuesday what the Government's monetary policy now is.

No one would pretend that monetary policy is an easy matter. The Government, like others overseas, has endured a long process of disillusionment in which the twin aims of clarity and discretion in the interpretation of monetary conditions have gradually been found incompatible. In 1979, Sir Geoffrey Howe inherited from Labour a system of annual targets for growth in the money supply. Since then, Mrs Thatcher's two Chancellors have added additional targets, replaced them with a new, more narrowly defined number, dropped the original target and – over the last year – have effectively given up money supply targets altogether in favour of steering by the exchange rate.

The system of sterling targets has, in recent times, worked reasonably well. The relative strength of the pound has been a less ambiguous signal than the more esoteric measures of the money supply. At the same time, intervention in foreign exchange markets has given the Chancellor some short-term flexibility in responding to pressure. But a monetary rule is useful only if the monetary authorities are seen to be committed to it. When the rule is less than explicit in the first place, the task of achieving market credibility is much harder.

Given the system we have, the decision to let the pound go is probably right. Ever since the new year began, Government and markets have been scanning each new piece of economic evidence to try to decide whether the economy was showing signs of slowing down after the crash in share prices, or whether there was a continuing risk of "overheating". Recent indicators have revealed little sign of a slowdown and some worrying pressures on inflation. House prices have accelerated, high street sales have stayed buoyant and credit has expanded. Above all, pay settlements have tended to increase at a time when productivity gains may be slowing down.

The Government responded to these straws in the wind with a rise in interest rates at the beginning of last month. But higher interest rates have put upward pressure on the pound. By feeding sterling into the system to try to keep the pound below the DM3 "ceiling," Mr Lawson risked undermining the disciplinary effect of the rise in rates.

The upward move in the exchange rate represents a tightening of monetary policy which will put additional pressure on companies to resist high pay claims. It will also, however, make life more difficult for Britain's exporters at a time when the balance of payments is already deteriorating sharply. To drive the message home, Mrs Thatcher made it clear in the Commons yesterday that interest rates would not be brought down again until inflationary pressures had subsided.

By releasing the pound the Government has set a firm background against which to present the Budget next week. Mr Lawson must now, however, spell out more clearly his monetary objectives. The best way to do that would be by making Britain a full member of the European Monetary System. If that is still subject to Mrs Thatcher's veto, then business people at least need a clear reaffirmation of the Government's intentions with respect to the exchange rate.

TIME TO FREE THE DOCKS

The survival of the National Dock Labour Scheme into the era of Thatcherism is a blatant anachronism. While the labour market in other industries has been significantly deregulated the dock scheme continues apparently immune to the Government's principles of industrial realism. Originally introduced in 1947 to ameliorate the then inequitable conditions of dockers' casual employment, it has no logical or social justification in modern industrial relations.

The effect of the scheme is that if one port employer goes out of business, the local dock labour board (on which the unions have 50 per cent representation) reallocates its registered dock workers (but not its other employees) to other employers in the port, who have to bear the cost of employing them whether or not there is work.

Such a device for overmanning is at odds with the Government's policies for ending conditions in which industry has to bear the cost of concealed unemployment. Even so, resistance to ending the scheme might be understandable if there were any threat of a return in the docks to the old conditions of casual employment – under which men looking for work formed a daily queue, and after some had been selected the rest were turned away.

But there is no question of this. Casual labour stopped in 1967 when all dockers were registered with permanent employers. The reality of employment in the docks today is that employers need a steady labour force on which they can rely. That this is so is proved in the new and more thriving non-scheme ports where employment has steadily risen, workforces are permanent and the only casual, or temporary, labour is that small proportion taken on to meet seasonal conditions.

Why, then, does the Government hold its hand from abolishing the scheme? The answer, paradoxically, lies partly in the success of the new non-scheme ports. As their modern container traffic has risen, the old scheme ports such as London, Bristol and Liverpool have so declined that today, by a kind of natural wastage, there are fewer than 10,000 dockers covered by the scheme – compared with some 25,000, less than a decade ago. On the basis of such small numbers, the Government seems to think that it is not worth while facing the general ports strike which it assumes, not necessarily correctly, would be the consequence of ending the scheme.

Yet even with the diminished workforce covered by the scheme, its cost is very considerable. The scheme also prevents the modernization of industrial practices and gives the unions job-control.

The Transport and General Workers Union clings to the scheme because it provides them with an additional forum of industrial power. Yet the workers in both the scheme-ports and the non-scheme ports are in the same union, the difference between them being that the former have a job-for-life tenure and the latter, like almost everyone else in the country, can be made redundant under regulations which protect the interest of the employees.

A possible device for ending the scheme without serious strife is for it to continue for existing and aging employers, but not be applied to new employees in scheme ports. This, however, might lead to bad feeling between the privileged and the unprivileged. What seems clear is that the employers would offer safeguards for the jobs of existing employees under the scheme and the Government should grasp this opportunity to put forward plans for ending an outdated privilege – which is as unfair as between one dock worker and another as it is unfair to the community as a whole.

ARMS CONTROL

The law on the possession of knives in a public place dates from 1953 – and that on importing the more deadly of them, from 1959. It is surprising that it has taken the Government so long to heed the warnings of the police, and to acknowledge that the law as it stands is inadequate to deal with the growing problem of street crime in Britain. This has now reached almost plague proportions, and knives play a prominent part in it. The measures put forward yesterday, as Home Office amendments to the Criminal Justice Bill, are therefore welcome and overdue – though whether even they go far enough is questionable.

The amendments would make it an offence to import or sell a long list of weapons with names like *maurikigusari* and *kusari gama*, most of which originated in the more obscure and dubious byways of the so-called martial arts. They have begun to attract a cult-like interest, and their presence has been observed with some alarm on football terraces. Essentially, the amendments bring them under the same ban as those imposed in 1959 on flick knives and gravity knives. The new measures should also prohibit the sale of knuckledusters and swordsticks and even catapults – which, in their more powerful modern form, have become a dangerous threat to life and limb.

The most significant of the proposed new measures, however, is that which concerns the possession of an offensive weapon in a public place. It should go some way towards equipping the police with the powers they now need. The present 1953 law requires the police to prove that the person in possession of an offensive weapon intends to use it unlawfully.

It may have seemed reasonable 35 years ago that the police should have to prove that someone with a knife did not have it for a legitimate purpose. But they have found in practice that the street wisdom of the knife carrier has outwitted them. According to Mr John Patten, the Home Office Minister who announced these changes yesterday, the suspect has always been able to claim that he was using it to peel oranges – or some similarly innocent purpose.

In what is technically known as a reversal of the onus of proof, the Home Office proposes that someone found carrying a knife, other than a simple penknife, or any similar weapon capable of causing injury, should henceforth be committing an offence – *unless* he can prove the innocence of his purpose. It is envisaged that a person bringing home a kitchen knife he has just bought, or a workman returning with his tools, should not be committing an offence if he can show that the explanation offered is genuine.

In spite of those safeguards this may be seen as technically a restriction on individual liberty and the contravention of an important legal principle. But few would quarrel with the steps that are now proposed. There should be no civil right to carry a weapon capable of inflicting serious injury. The Home Office might indeed have gone even further, and given police officers the power to confiscate knives or similar weapons on the spot, to be reclaimed from the local police station later. Such powers would give notice that the carrying of any knife or similar item in a public place, for whatever purpose, was in principle antisocial – even when a legal defence existed. The steps announced last night are at least in the right direction.

LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

Ways and means of student finance

From Dr Adrian Seville

Sir, You refer (leading article, March 4) to student loans as an attractive possibility. Some will disagree, especially those students who are not modern enough to relish beginning their adult lives with an unsecured debt.

It is in my view surprising that no attention has been paid to an alternative way of recovering student maintenance costs: by means of a tax on the *employers* of graduates. Such a tax could be related to salaries, so that graduates who found jobs at or below the national average wage would be unaffected. A tax averaging only about £300 per annum would suffice, in the steady state, to fund the entire maintenance grant system.

This graduate employment tax might discourage some employers from taking on graduates where they were not essential to the business – not a bad thing, given the foreseeable acute shortage of graduates in the 1990s. Nor would a slight depression of top salaries be unacceptable. That would surely be less off-putting to potential students, uncertain as to whether to go on to higher education, than the prospect of a debt incurred on the way to a degree that might never be achieved.

The tax would also avoid one severe negative consequence of substituting loans for grants: that some students may be tempted to take part-time jobs during term. Intensive three-year degree courses make that a strategy which is liable to waste more public money than is saved by cutting down the grant.

Yours etc,
ADRIAN SEVILLE,
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Royal Parade,
Chislehurst, Kent.
March 4.

From the Reverend Peter J. Myers

Sir, As the spectre of student loans once more raises its ugly head, I find it sad to note that in your leader you consider that the grants system exists to pay "for young people to leave their parental home at one end of the country in order to study at . . . the other". And further, you seem to believe that universities and colleges should enter the market so that students would study at the institution offering the most attractive prospect.

As a student I went from Lancashire to Durham, not because it offered gift tokens with its degrees, or because it had some other market offer to make to me, but because it was the best theology course that the country could offer.

I followed my university career not with an entry into some highly-paid job, but with a year working for nothing on a council estate in Liverpool, and then two years in a theological college. Now, after four years, my financial status is laughable compared to many of the people I was at school with. And this will not change very much unless I proceed, in 10 or so years' time, to the heady echelons of church preferment. But I do what I do because of a vocation, not for financial rewards.

Had I left university with a loan hanging over my head would I have been so foolish as to continue my education (with another loan) and then enter a vocation where money is the last consideration in taking a job?

Regrettably the idea of a loan system will render higher education not as a right, which is open (just) under the present system to all who wish to enter it; but rather to those who have the financial backing (partly from revenue gained through generous tax cuts?) simply not to need a loan – such as one of my university contemporaries, who paid his fees out of his own pocket and was at university as an interesting way of spending three years – and to those few disciplines, mainly scientific, which guarantee some form of employment after graduation. Our universities will then be centres for the rich or the scientific, rather than places where all may study equally, and where art and science flourish together.

Yours faithfully,
PETER J. MYERS,
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Cherry Orchard,
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March 4.

From Mr John Hubbard

Sir, Why is the Government troubling itself over the question of student loans, when undergraduates for many years have been aware that a "topping up" service for students' grants has long been provided efficiently and without undue complaint by the major banks?

Yours faithfully,
JOHN HUBBARD,
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Bournemouth, Dorset.

Insults to Church

From the Bishop of London

Sir, May I refer briefly to your leading article, "The crime of blasphemy" (March 3), which commented on a report by a working group of which I was the chairman.

You say we suggested that the special safeguards which the law provides against insults to the Christian religion and to the established Church in particular should go. The Law Commission by a majority recommended the abolition without replacement of the common-law offence of blasphemy. What we proposed was that the law should be rationalised and put on a statutory basis and that it should also be extended to adherents of other faiths.

The need to protect the feelings of all those – whether Christian or not – who hold religious beliefs and values sacred was certainly one of the main reasons why the group wished to see the provision of a new statutory offence. After a detailed examination of other branches of the criminal law we concluded that they do not cover the ground adequately.

In saying that, however, our report does not imply that the sole purpose of the law of blasphemy is to ensure religious people are spared emotional distress; equally, it does not ignore the need for the law to play its part in upholding the Christian values which we believe are fundamental to our society.

On the contrary, we stressed that if the legal restraints on blasphemy were abolished without any replacement, the cumulative effect of such behaviour would be to undermine a sense that some things are sacred, and that society would lose the capacity for reverence.

As we strongly affirmed in our conclusions, the public debasement of Christian ideas besides being deeply offensive to many Christians, may lead to a blindness to the things of the spirit and be seen as a corruption of the mind with regard to what we believe to be the most important features of human life.

Yours faithfully,
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March 3.

Stamp of religion

From the Principal of St Stephen's House, Oxford

Sir, Some humanists are offended by seeing "Jesus is Alive!" on their mail (letter, March 5). So, I guess, are some Christians. Quotation marks are used too often (as in newspaper headlines) to cast doubt on an alleged statement, and to protect editors from the laws of libel.

The Post Office should content itself with "Use the postcode" or "Post early for Hallowe'en" and leave it to individuals to write their own messages, whether S.W.A.L.K. or Jesus wants you for a Sunbeam.

Yours faithfully,
EDWIN BARNES, Principal,
St Stephen's House,
16 Marston Street, Oxford.
March 5.

From Mr D. R. Cook

Sir, What the Master of Churchill College (March 5) appears to forget is that on the stamp there is a portrait of a lady who is head of the Church and to deny her the opportunity, albeit symbolic, of proclaiming occasionally its central truth is illogical.

Britain is a Christian country. Humanists are welcome, even in places of education.

Yours faithfully,
DAVID COOK,
Heulfan, Market Street,
Llangollen, Clwyd.

From Dr G. L. Russell

Sir, If the Master of Churchill College is offended by every statement with which he does not agree, his life in Cambridge must be perpetual torment.

Yours faithfully,
G. L. RUSSELL,
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Fontmell Magna,
Shaftesbury, Dorset.
March 5.

From Mrs N. M. Horwood

Sir, In his article of March 7 ("When franking incenses") Bernard Levin expresses the hope that Martin Horwood's mum is still alive and quoting. I am indeed, and if Mr Levin were my son I would be urging him to heed the lines of Alexander Pope:

Words are like leaves; and
where they most abound,
Much fruit of sense beneath
is rarely found. (*An Essay on Criticism*).

Yours sincerely,
NINA M. HORWOOD,
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Shurdington Road,
Cheltenham, Gloucestershire.
March 7.

From Mr David Holbrook

Sir, What would happen if someone paid the Post Office to stamp letters with the Nietzschean message, "God is dead"?

Yours &c,
DAVID HOLBROOK,
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A teacher's worth?

From Mr James Pailing

Sir, The cheque to which Mr J. Lauffer and Mr P. Allwright refer (March 3) was not sent to them as remuneration for conducting an oral examination. It was sent to the City of London School.

Where an examination centre carries out administrative tasks which would otherwise have been done by delegacy staff there is a remission of fees in respect of that work, calculated on a basis of subject entry. The delegacy does not pay teachers for work carried out during schooltime.

Yours faithfully,
JAMES PAILING (Secretary),
University of Oxford Delegacy of Local Examinations,
Ewert House, Ewert Place
Summertown, Oxford.
March 3.

Sports injuries' effect on NHS

From Mr R. G. Pringle

Sir, The fracture clinic at the Royal Shrewsbury Hospital on Tuesday, February 23, was relatively light. The previous weekend had not been a busy one – no holiday traffic, the roads clear, and the motocross season yet to start. None the less the clinic produced its usual quota of pain, economic hardship, and permanent disability.

Of the 31 new patients, 14 had sustained sports injuries. Three emergency admissions from the playing fields made a total of 17 injured sportspersons in all. Of those, three required urgent surgery and others will come to surgery in due course.

In terms of operating time and staff, two cartilages or one major ligament injury equal one hip replacement. It must be small comfort to the many people in Shropshire whose hip replacements are being deferred because of this workload to know that these largely self-inflicted injuries receive such skilled and speedy treatment.

At a time when health service finances are under intense pressure and subject to urgent review, compulsory medical insurance of all sportsmen and women must be an obvious priority. In this way the State would be able to recover the costs of their treatment and divert more resources to the truly sick.

Premiums would be paid as part of sports-club subscriptions, by schools, and by users of public and private playing fields, tennis courts, and similar facilities. The rate would be proportionate to the risks of individual sports.

One can scarcely imagine the mayhem on the roads should the State make motor vehicle repair and replacement following accidents free and available upon request. The introduction of compulsory sports medical insurance with a no-claim bonus would encourage people to take better care of their bodies and relieve the State of an enormous and increasing financial burden.

Yours faithfully,
R. G. PRINGLE (Consultant Orthopaedic Surgeon),
Burnell House,
82 Berwick Road,
Shrewsbury, Shropshire.
March 8.

Hospital closures

From Mr D. J. Knowles and Mr R. D. Illingworth

Sir, Lord Ennals's letter (March 7) appeals to emotional rather than rational responses. The Riverside Health Authority proposals, including the building of a new teaching hospital, create opportunity for significant improvement and development of a wide range of services. They are supported by the overwhelming majority of consultant medical staff in the district and by the associated Charing Cross and Westminster Medical School.

The fact is that every person who lives or works in this health district, which incorporates parts of the City of Westminster, the Royal Borough of Kensington and Chelsea and all of the London Borough of Hammersmith and Fulham, is within two miles of a teaching hospital with the full range of acute services, including accident and emergency.

Both during the period in which we propose to build the new hospital and after that hospital has been completed, that level of access to teaching hospitals will be maintained. It is a standard that is as good as any in the entire NHS.

Yours faithfully,
D. J. KNOWLES
(District General Manager),
R. D. ILLINGWORTH
(Chairman, District Medical Committee),
Riverside Health Authority,
Brandenburgh House,
116 Fulham Palace Road, W6.
March 7.

Polish complaint

From the Ambassador of Poland

Sir, Your feature writer Bernard Levin in his article which you thought fit to publish on March 3 has exceeded all accepted principles of journalistic ethics and good taste.

The pack of invectives directed against my country and its head of state must arouse feelings of revulsion, indignation and also astonishment that a national newspaper of your standing should agree to publish them.

I most strongly demand that a full and public apology be issued in which you would dissociate yourselves from the views and frenzied schemes of a person clearly writing under some enormous psychological stress.

While submitting this most strongly felt protest, may I also speculate on your motives in publishing so defamatory an article at a moment when Polish-British relations seemed to be on the mend.

Yours faithfully,
ZBIGNIEW GERTYCH,
47 Portland Place, W1.
March 7.

Perfect timing

From Mr H. F. Ellis

Sir, Ever since the advantages of bringing various bits of apparatus to the boil began to be aired in your correspondence columns (February 18, 23, 25) I have waited in a kind of agony for some knowledgeable ass to point out that the trend was first set by a Mr Mark Twain as long ago as 1878. Having waited in vain, I now undertake the distasteful task myself.

It was during his ascent of the Riffelberg, accompanied by Harris and 152 other assistants (plus 44 mules and seven cows), that Mark Twain boiled his barometer in an attempt to ascertain his altitude. In fact he boiled two, the second one "for half an hour" in a pot of bean soup which the cooks were making.

"The result", he says, "was unexpected: the instrument was not affected at all, but there was such a strong barometer taste to the soup that the head cook. . .changed its name in the bill of fare. The dish was so greatly liked by all that I ordered the cook to have barometer soup every day".

I hope this recipe may be of use to any of your readers who may be thinking of boiling their computers, word-processors etc. Twain, incidentally, also boiled a thermometer and a camera; but anyone interested in the results had better consult *A Tramp Abroad* (page 397 in my 1885 edition).

Yours faithfully,
H. F. ELLIS,
Hill Croft,
Kingston St Mary,
Taunton, Somerset.
February 26.

ON THIS DAY

MARCH 9 1815

"Riots", "disaffection" and "repression" are often mentioned by historians of the Napoleonic wars period. Parliament did not represent the nation and many men were unemployed because of agricultural depression and growing mechanization.

Popular Tumults.

Further Particulars.

Yesterday evening all was tranquil at the west end of the town; with the exception of a collection of between 30 and 40 persons, chiefly boys, there was nothing that bore the resemblance of a mob. Those few paraded the principal streets hooting and whistling. Large parties of Horse Guards paraded along almost every street west of Charing Cross. . .

We heard later that between 10 and 11 o'clock last night one of those rousing assemblies that infest the Metropolis broke the windows of the *Morning Herald* office in Catherine Street and then proceeded to the office of the *Morning Post* where they gave three cheers.

An evening paper gives the following account of the proceedings of a party of these misguided persons on Tuesday night:–

BAKER–STREET, PORTMAN-SQUARE.– Arriving here about nine o'clock, they immediately began their attack on the house of Samuel Stephens, Esq. late M.P. for St Ive's. Mr. Stephens has not been in town these nine months. His house in Baker-street being left in the care of an elderly female servant, the mob met with no resistance, and the doors and windows in front, together with the iron railway of the area, were totally demolished. From Baker-street, the mob proceeded to

No.38, Harley-street, where, evidently by mistake, the house of Mrs. Sampson, a most respectable and inoffensive lady, was the object of their fury – doors, windows and iron railings, all were broken and demolished, before Mrs. Sampson or her domestics had time to consult their safety by retreat. From Harley-street this division of the mob proceeded to

Portland-place, but here the military were collected in sufficient numbers to disperse them. Other detachments, however, had begun the work of destruction at

No.19, Wimpole-street, the residence of Lord King, of which every pane of glass was smashed, and the window-frames and doors broken to pieces. Sir William Rowley's, at No.34, in the same street, shared the same fate.

In no one instance did these destroying parties exceed fifty in number. Acting in detachments, they distracted and eluded the attention of the Guards; for although the scene of last night's operations does not exceed the circumference of half a mile, the whole of the mischief was effected in the momentary absence of the military. It is in this manner only that we can account for the havock which took place in

MANSFIELD–STREET, PORTLAND-PLACE.– Lord Bathurst, one of his Majesty's Principal Secretaries of State, lives in this street, and thither the mob repaired, venting their fury on the front of that, and the adjoining houses of Lady Denny Floyd, and Thomas Hunter, Esq.

In the City also there was some appearance of a disposition to riot. . .

Shortly after the House of Commons adjourned, a great body of people proceeded down St. Martin's-lane, exclaiming against the Corn Bill, and threatening destruction to those by whom it was supported. The crowd increased as it advanced towards the House of Commons, where the rioters learned, much to their dissatisfaction, that an adjournment had taken place. Being disappointed in the expectation of meeting any of the obnoxious Members, they commenced an attack on the windows of that part of the House of Commons which faces St. Margaret's Church. . .

THE ARTS

TELEVISION

Blind alleys

It seems like only 20 years ago that one was carrying an International Socialist banner into Grosvenor Square and shouting uncharitably at policemen — an exhausting way to spend a Sunday afternoon, but appreciably more fun than Latin homework.

When not physically confronting the lackeys of American imperialism, however, the IS of 1968 were as dreary a bunch of far-Left robots as one could wish to find under one's bed.

The televising of Trevor Griffiths's 1973 stage play *The Party* (BBC1) reproduced with deadly accuracy the ideological handbag-swinging of that era. "Who was it said that personality is the gonorrhea of the Left?" drolled a corduroy lecturer, before launching into a stupefying "Marxian analysis" of *les évenements* in Paris.

This prodigious speech was countered by another from an old-guard Glaswegian firebrand (wonderfully animated by Andrew Keir) who had already instructed his revolutionary goons to keep off the barricades.

Weaving through these forests of guff, Jack Shepherd's exemplary drunken playwright did his ribald best to poop the party, notwithstanding Kenneth Cranham's remonstrations. He also had the best line: "Anything Pinter can't quite say, I can't quite say better."

Although decorated with news footage of the Paris riots and appropriate graffiti slogans ("*Je suis Marxiste, tendence Groucho*" etc), the production was largely condemned to working off reaction shots of the radical-chic auditors as the lava of Trotspeak flowed on and on.

These are the images that will linger in the memory: of concerned, eager dupes hunched in Corbusier chairs and framed by pot plants, imagining themselves to be at the beating heart of the world, while the world itself went on regardless and unregarding.

Martin Cropper

Unfair to the Bard

THEATRE

Twelfth Night
Theatre Royal
Stratford East

If the RSC set this comedy in a 1930s colonial never never land, with Cesario running errands between a Caribbean Orsino and an Indian Olivia, there would be pages of quotes from V.S. Naipaul and Derek Walcott to say why.

The Stratford East programme is more down-to-earth. "Approximately 40 per cent of Newham's population is Afro-Caribbean and Southern Asian", it says; adding, with a strong hint of grievance, "Shakespeare is still studied at GCSE level and is compulsory for A-Level English."

In other words, there is no point in looking for any expressive purpose in Jeff Teare's production beyond the demands of integrated casting and community-outreach policy.

Equally, it would be ridiculous to complain about the absence of style in a show that has only come together as an exercise in co-existence; where guitars and sitars mingle with Feste's thumb-piano, the text has been pruned for obscurities (so that Pythagoras's opinion on wild fowl turns into the ancient gurus' views on peacocks), and white supremacy fingers on in this "backwater of empire" in the person of an imperially dispossessed Malvolio in a sun-helmet and silly white plus-fours.

Teare no doubt calculated that *Twelfth Night* is sufficiently indestructible to survive this treatment unscathed. True enough, its story comes through with the clarity of a fairy tale, arousing a good many laughs from those in last night's audience who had not heard the jokes before.

But even in the given circumstances, the Newham spectators have reason to feel short-changed. Having cast the piece, set it in a latticed box, and costumed it in saris, presidential uniform, and cricket flannels, Teare has then left the play to do all the work.

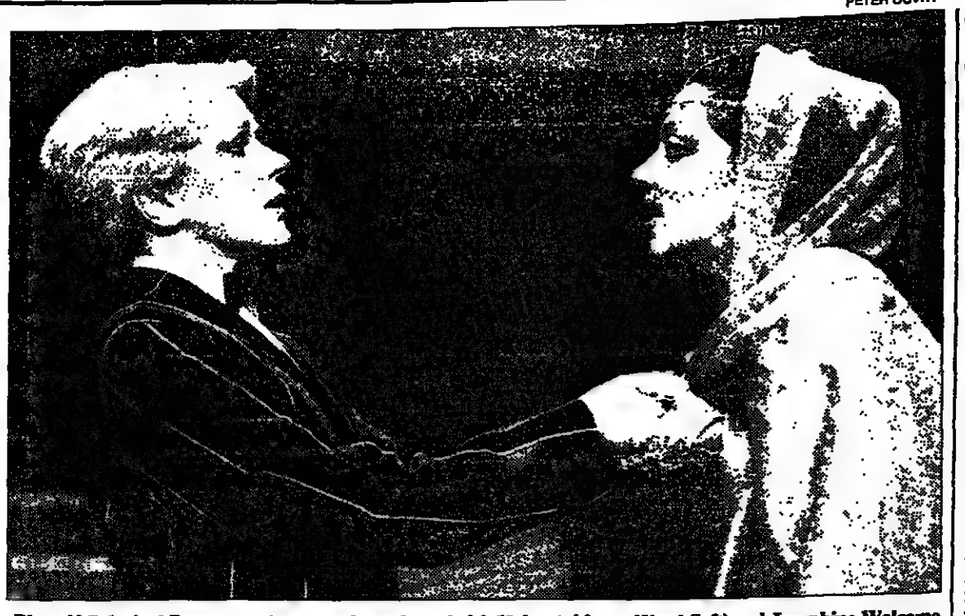
Perhaps there is no chance of reconciling all the unrelated elements; but at least there might have been narrative preparation and scenic ingenuity. Instead of which, there is no hint of any attachment between Toby and Maria before Shakespeare brings the matter up; the duels (two of the greatest cadenza points in English comedy) are halted before they begin; the catch scene is similarly interrupted before it reaches a climax; and the box-tree is motivelessly lugged all over the stage, effectively killing the response of Malvolio's listeners.

There are some good performances, and others which might have been straightened out. As it is, Winston Crooke's imperious Orsino cancels out his appearance with ingratiating speech; while Tariq Alibai and Lyndam Gregory respectively offer a nervously defensive Sir Toby, cloaked behind mugging mannerisms, and a sensible and dignified Aguecheek.

Things are much better with Alan Cowan's Malvolio, a repressed bureaucrat who has to do a safe-cracking job to produce a smile; and Josephine Welcome's steely Olivia, whose melting is the high moment of the show. In this mixed company, Helen Atkinson Wood sensibly jettisons the lyrical Viola and plays for parody and fun — a neat musical-comedy principal boy in blazer and bow-tie, concealing her emotional turmoil with complete success under the mask of a golden boy.

Irving Wardle

PETER OUVRY



Blazer'd Principal Boy meets slow-to-melt steely sari girl: Helen Atkinson Wood (left) and Josephine Welcome

CONCERT

Pertinent piece a paradigm

Music Projects/ Bernas
Almeida

Richard Bernas was surely right to choose Carter's *Syringa* as the lynchpin of his sequence of three concerts at the Almeida. It fits in, of course, with the "words and music" theme of the triptych, being a setting at once of an orphic meditation by John Ashbery and of ancient Greek fragments bearing on the same sounds and meanings. Moreover, it presents an image, even an emblem, of the musical conditions that have made word-setting such a contentious issue.

At a time when music no longer speaks as it did, it is natural that composers should find verbal language becoming similarly recalcitrant. Words explode into phonetic shrapnel, as they did in another work included here, Pascal Dusapin's brief and Xenakisian *L'Homme aux liens*, for two sopranos and three violins. Or else they retreat into hermetic dumbness, which is the line of Carter's however rhetorical bass part, presenting the Greek texts beneath the reasonable discourse of the mezzo-soprano singing the Ashbery poem.

In this performance the beauty and characterfulness of *Syringa* were as well conveyed as its paradigmatic stature. Jane Manning, who had earlier offered a more luminous view of the antique world in Dallapiccola's Sappho and Anacreon songs, made the Ashbery setting almost conversational, while also bringing out a connection with Birtwistle's *Nenia* on the same subject: one wonders if Carter knew the piece. The bass soloist missed the necessary authority by being too soft-textured, and too approximate in pitch, but the puzzling point of the piece was well made.

Paul Griffiths

Utopian illusions

Getting Nowhere
Gate Theatre

The attempt to create the socialist Utopia through magic seems only marginally weirder than Ian Saville's endeavour to put together a magic show that advances the cause of socialism. Nevertheless, patches of his work have potential, though the show needs considerable revision before it will hold together as a piece of entertainment, let alone aid the struggle to obliterate capitalism.

Saville, a conjurer since boyhood, is now somewhere in his thirties; bearded, bespectacled and broadly smiling, he wears a natty jacket brocade waistcoat and bow-tie in shades of cherry red.

His previous show, *Brecht on Magic*, apparently ended with a stuffed effigy of Margaret Thatcher and a cruise missile being shoved into a red (for socialism) box and vanishing. Since his present show is billed as a sequel, he repeats this trick, which quite fooled me, before calling upon his ventriloquist's dummy, Bertolt Brecht, to guide us into the future.

We have already been treated to a photo of Karl Marx with pop-open mouth who refuses to help and meanly keeps using the word *whim*, not an easy sound for ventriloquists to mouth while keeping their lips together. Saville goes out of his way to tangle himself in the hazards of the process (very Brechtian), and when Brecht gets a roll of wallpaper pushed over his cheroot-puffing head and is transmogrified into William Morris, a similar problem of enunciation crops up with the Webbs.

His conjurer's patter catches an individual note with the pretence of causing silk handkerchief, £10 notes and the like to travel back and forth in time instead of merely making them vanish. But it is not enough to label a pair of metal hoops Poverty and Unemployment and link them together: there need to be twice as many conjuring tricks and a far shorter, or far more interesting, trip past man's various Utopias, from Plato onwards. At present the message within the magic is dry and tedious.

Jeremy Kingston

Just costume jewellery

AMERICAN THEATRE

Diamond Lil
Conservatory Theater,
San Francisco

Mary Jane West, born in Brooklyn about 1892, transfigured herself into that unique, hourglass-shaped phenomenon entitled Mae West. Since no suitable material existed, she wrote it herself — all her life. Her play *Diamond Lil* plus its 1933 movie version, *She Done Him Wrong*, brought her international veneration.

San Francisco's enterprising American Conservatory Theatre have now given *Diamond Lil* its first production anywhere since Miss West's 1951 Broadway revival. It presents one almost insurmountable casting problem, but Paul Blake, who staged this larky production, has probably done as well as possible by casting Gretchen Wyler. Londoners may remember her from *Sweet Charity*.

Advance publicity made it clear she had no intention of aspiring to imitate the inimitable Mae West. She puts on quite a show of her own, though, encased in costumes by Robert Fletcher which one can only call gorgeous.

The plot focuses on the universally beloved star of a Bowery music hall (felicitously recreated by Douglas W. Schmidt) in the "Gay Nineties".

Numerous interpolated grand old favourites include "My Ragtime Gal", "The Strawberry Blonde", "Ta-ra-ra Boom-de-ay", "Frankie and Johnny", and "If You Were the Only Girl in the World". Bowery Rose, a deteriorated but well-nourished belle, has only one song ("How Could Red Riding-Hood Have Been So Very Good and Still Keep the Wolf from the Door?") but makes the most of it; a whimsical casting inspiration allots her role to Sydney Walker, Esquire, a 40-year veteran of 216 productions with this company.

Paul Moor

Dancing the indefinable

John Percival meets David Bintley, Resident Choreographer of the Royal Ballet, and Simon Jeffes, leader of the Penguin Café Orchestra, whose music Bintley has used to create the ballet receiving its première tonight

DENZIL MCNEELANCE

Making the piece curve: David Bintley (left) and Simon Jeffes in a break from rehearsals at the Royal Opera House this week

Readers familiar with David Bintley's ballets may well not know the music of Simon Jeffes, and vice versa. That will be rectified tonight, when their *"Still Life" At The Penguin Café* is premièred by the Royal Ballet at Covent Garden.

Until a couple of years ago they were in the same state of ignorance about each other. Then Bintley, resident choreographer of the Royal Ballet, bought a record of Jeffes's Penguin Café Orchestra, attracted by the mysterious painting on the sleeve cover. As with all Jeffes's discs, this was by Emily Young and showed, in Bintley's words, "these bizarre creatures in a very realistic landscape."

He listened to the first track, found it disconcerting and switched off. But later, when busy with something else, played the whole disc and had the idea that he could make a ballet to this music. Then came an enquiry about doing a ballet specially for television and, he says, "I thought this might be suitable. But the suggestion fell through, as they always seem to do, and I put the idea aside."

This is perhaps the point to mention, for those unfamiliar with the Penguin Café Orchestra, that its music, all by Jeffes, has been variously described by admirers as a mixture of chamber, classical, folk, jazz, minimalist, new age, reggae, rock, systems and western country hoe-down.

Jeffes himself cheerfully admits to multiple influences ("How can I not be influenced by almost anything I have heard, even if it is only to rejection?"). He seems happy that his music has attracted a certain mystique and is not going to dispel the myths that have grown up around it.

The concept of the Penguin Café is supposed to have come to him in a nightmare caused by food poisoning in France or, by other accounts, Japan. Similarly there is alleged to have been a real Penguin Café in London or Tokyo. But for Jeffes, and now for Bintley, it is an idea rather than a place.

Jeffes says: "You can see it and hear it, but you can't define it."

The ballet began to take shape only about six or nine months ago when Bintley again took up the idea for a stage production. When he started selecting the pieces from the records which he would like to use, his initial version came to about 90 minutes. He whittled that down to an hour and then, more painfully (he pulls a graphic face as he describes the process) to the present eight numbers, or 35 minutes' playing time.

"I was pleased because he had chosen certain key numbers," Jeffes says. "I thought at first that I would prefer a different order but we have ended by using them exactly following David's first list."

Bintley breaks in: "It's difficult, in a way, because the first four numbers are all very up, then come two in succession which are — I won't say down, but darker, more serious. I quite like to have a kind of turning point in the music of my ballets, but this might have been too much."

However, the pair of them are happy with it now, and Jeffes waves his hands to illustrate his belief that the ballet has a good shape — a smooth curve rather than up and down.

For his recording, Jeffes has used such unconventional instruments as a set of glasses filled with water to different depths, or a rubber band stretched round the back of a chair and accompanied by the "ringing" and "engaged" tones of a telephone.

These are not very practicable in the pit at Covent Garden; nor does the orchestra there run to the large number of plucked instruments (guitars or ukeleles) he likes to use. So it has all been re-orchestrated with much pizzicato and lots for the harpist to do.

There may be a bonus for the Covent Garden orchestra, since they will probably record the score for use in the Bavarian State Opera, Munich, where Bintley is mounting a complete evening of his ballets next month (*Allegri diversi* and *Metamorphosis* are the other choices). The Munich orchestra, which recently got *Elite Syncopations* removed from the repertoire because it thought rag-time beneath its dignity, has also refused to play Penguin Café music.

About the ballet itself, Bintley is reluctant to say too much before the first night. There is to be a surprise twist which may make us see everything in a different light. But expect something episodic, with a cast of 23 all used as equals even though some of them happen to be principal dancers.

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WEDNESDAY PAGE

Revolution of the heart

Six years after her lover, Ayatollah Khomeini's right-hand man, was executed, a Canadian journalist has written a book about their romance amid the revolution. Fionnuala McHugh reports

JULIAN HERBERT

Now and then: the author and journalist Carole Jerome today and, above right, her lover Sadegh Ghotbzadeh with the Ayatollah Khomeini

In October 1978, Carole Jerome, a Canadian journalist based in the Paris office of the Canadian Broadcasting Company, interviewed an Iranian called Sadegh Ghotbzadeh. Ghotbzadeh was leader and spokesman for the Liberation Movement of Iran, an exiled anti-Shah organization, and was, therefore, in close contact with Ayatollah Khomeini. Despite initial reservations — his voice was that of "an unctuous conman" his manner "amiable, yet somehow dangerous" — within days they became lovers.

They spent four months together in Paris, and, when Khomeini flew back to Tehran on February 1, 1979, Ghotbzadeh, then 41, was at the Ayatollah's right hand and Jerome was part of the press corps seated at the back of the plane. She made three further visits to Iran, until Ghotbzadeh, who had been made Foreign Minister, was executed by firing-squad at the notorious Evin Prison in 1982 for his part in an attempted coup.

Jerome is in London this week for publication of the book she has written about these events. *The Man In The Mirror* is subtitled "A True Inside Story of Revolution, Love and Treachery in Iran", and is a curious mixture of heavy romance ("the dark eyes seemed to hold secrets, the wide mouth was almost too generous") and hard politics. "I wanted to write a book that could be read both by Eric Rouleau, Middle East correspondent for *Le Monde*, and by my mother and her bridge club," Jerome explains.

The photograph on cover is of a wide-eyed, potentially ingenuous, woman. In reality, Jerome, 39, appears professional and brisk. When the book came out in North America last September, one of her interviewers described how she burst into tears over lunch. "That was too soon. I can accept what he did now and why he did it, I can accept why he died."

This acceptance is harder for an emotionally uninvolved Western reader. At best, Ghotbzadeh comes across as politically inept, trusting those who ultimately betrayed him; at worst, he clearly propped up a new regime which was just as responsible as the Shah's had been for the torture and murder of thousands.

According to one Middle Eastern correspondent who interviewed Ghotbzadeh when he was Foreign Minister, "If Khomeini hadn't been there, Ghotbzadeh would have stepped into that vacuum, and, believe me, he would have created a society that Amnesty International would have condemned. He was a machievellian schemer."

"I only wish he had been machievellian," is Jerome's retort. "He might be here today. He *was* learning. By the time he died he had become quite a good politician." She denies that her journalistic faculties were suspended by the nature of their relationship, though she writes that "all he needed to do was open one eye and I dithered.

"That was at first. He was a tremendously powerful personality who was *authentic.*" Ghotbzadeh's own theory was that she needed to be with somebody who was a bit dangerous," a gangster".

Does she consider him a hero? "Yes, I do. But he was a human being with some tremendous faults and a fatal, fatal naivety about the mosque and Khomeini. He was a hero in the sense that he had the courage and dedication to work all his life for what was, for him, an ideal. He realized and took responsibility for the tragic mistake he had made. He never tried to escape. Sadegh never asked to be forgiven for having brought this monster home."

Throughout the book there are hints about other women with whom Ghotbzadeh ("considered the Revolution's most eligible bachelor") had affairs during the four years Jerome knew him (in that time the couple spent only seven months together). "He had girlfriends. I had boyfriends," Jerome says. "He didn't go around hopping from bed to bed, though that was the impression the Mullahs liked to give of him."

As to any suggestions that he might have been using her — "No, for the simple reason that I was far more of a risk than a use." In theory their affair was a secret, but, aided by Ghotbzadeh's recklessness the Mullahs soon realized what was happening. In December 1980 Jerome left Tehran after a tip-off that she was to be arrested and charged with being the Foreign Minister's CIA contact. She never saw Ghotbzadeh again.

Whether the book is necessarily biased or not, however, it is clear that Jerome is a courageous woman. Her research into the tangle of Middle Eastern politics took her to Beirut, where Nabbih Berri, head of Amal, Lebanon's Shia political and military organization, warned her not to continue her investigations into the Lebanese overlap with Iranian politics and, in particular, into Ghotbzadeh's role in them.

Though the book is a personal testimony to one man, she insists it was also written for professional reasons. "It is a warning to Western governments that these men must not be encouraged for a *single day*. Islamic fundamentalism is the greatest threat posed to the West today."

In a way her book is about the ever-shifting boundaries of truth. Persians, according to Jerome, believe what they want to believe. They have "a tremendous capacity for self-delusion. As reporters covering the revolution, the most outstanding problem that we faced was trying to sort out fact from fiction. But, after a while, you get to feel when it is half-truth . . . and it is usually half-truths more than lies." Amidst such deliberate obfuscation, she has written her side of the story of Ghotbzadeh; other observers see him in a harsher light. If such a thing as the unbiased truth exists, then, presumably, that may be found somewhere in between.

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The Man in the Mirror, by Carole Jerome, published tomorrow by Unwin Hyman (£12.95)

Ear to the ground

Emma Nicholson, MP, has talked of how she copes with her duties despite being hard of hearing. Jack Ashley, another MP, is totally deaf and manages magnificently. Ronald Reagan wears a hearing aid. But not enough is done, says Laila Spence, a London lip-reading teacher, for professional people who are frightened of losing their jobs and self-respect along with their hearing. Lip-reading classes run by local education authorities can cost as little as £1 a term, but Spence, who teaches with the ILEA, realized that many people were too embarrassed or too busy to go along. So she has started private Better Hearing Circles in her home, for groups of four or five, at a cost of £52 for four one-hour sessions. For her free booklet, "Hearing Loss", a guide to facilities for the hard-of-hearing in West London (which includes information of use to those outside the area) send a large SAE with a 24p stamp to: Laila Spence, 60 Ellerby Street, London SW6 9EZ (tel 01-731 0556).

Last-minute mum

Just in time for Mothering Sunday, British soaps are catching up with the American film industry's fascination with middle-aged motherhood. *Coronation Street* has a pregnant, 40-plus pub landlady and *Archers* fans will be pacing the floor as expectant Jennifer (aged 43) agonizes over whether to have amniocentesis or the earlier, but possibly riskier, chorionic villus sampling. A consultant obstetrician has joined *The Archers'* medical advisor to hold the scriptwriters' hands through Jennifer's minutely detailed gestation and The Medical Research Council in Oxford is on standby for the flood of calls which are expected on CVS. .

No strangers

Teaching children to "Say No to Strangers" is a well-established campaign, but a book now stunning America asserts that most young victims are abused not by strangers but by those they know, trust, even love. *By Silence Betrayed* (Little, Brown) is written by John Crewdson, chief of *The Chicago Tribune*'s Los Angeles bureau, who has reported extensively on child abuse cases. He claims that 38 million Americans admit to having been abused as children. Teaching children to say "No" to relatives and friends — and even parents — becomes a different ballgame.

& BRIEFLY

A round-up of news, views and information

Quote me . . .

"Any man would be a fool who didn't agree with equal rights and pay, but some women, now, juggling with career, lover, wifehood, have spread themselves too thin and are very unhappy. It is time they looked at themselves and stopped attacking men. Guys are going through a terrible crisis right now because of women's unreasonable demands." **Michael Douglas**

Ideal ideas

Between the prototype robots and holographics of the "home of the future", the dog hair de-fluffers and fat-free fryers which are a perennial presence at the Ideal Home Exhibition, there lurk a few genuinely good new products which are concrete, not conceptual. This year's is the Free-flue gas fire from Derwent. It can be sited almost anywhere, thanks to its streamlined, powered flue which can be concealed beneath floorboards or skirting boards. A boon to flat dwellers, it costs £479, including fitting, from the Gas Board.

Not a stitch

Clothkits used to be for busy-fingered sew-sew types who simply could not cut out patterns. But over the years the innovative catalogue company, whose printed corduroys became the hallmark of muesli-belt mothers, has introduced more readymade clothes to woo the do-nothing-yourselfers. The spring/summer catalogue, available free from Clothkits, 24 High Street, Lewes, Sussex BN7 2LB (tel 0273 477111) features ready-to-wear knits, crisp sailor dresses, skirts, trousers and even bikinis which you can put on without a stitch, so to speak. Clothkits was taken over last year by the Palma Group, and a spokeswoman says that the delays which some customers have experienced in receiving orders should be "a thing of the past".

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BUCKINGHAM PALACE
March 8: The Queen held an Investiture at Buckingham Palace this morning. The Right Hon Margaret Thatcher, MP (Prime Minister and First Lord of the Treasury) had an audience of Her Majesty this evening.

The Queen and The Duke of Edinburgh this evening attended a reception to mark the 175th Anniversary of the first concert given by the Royal Philharmonic Society at the Royal Institution, Albemarle Street.

Her Majesty and His Royal Highness were received by the Director of the Royal Institution (Professor J M Thomas) and the Chairman of the Royal Philharmonic Society (Mr John Denison).

The Countess of Airlie, the Right Hon Sir William Heseltine and Lieutenant-Colonel Blair Stewart-Wilson were in attendance.

The Lady Elton has succeeded Mrs John Dugdale as Lady in Waiting to The Queen.

KENSINGTON PALACE
March 8: The Prince of Wales left Royal Air Force Northolt in an aircraft of The Queen's Flight this morning for Switzerland, where His Royal Highness, President of the International Council of the United World Colleges, will attend a luncheon with the members of the Swiss Association for the United World Colleges at the Dolder Grand Hotel, Zurich.

Commander Richard Aylard, RN and Mr Philip Mackie were in attendance.

KENSINGTON PALACE
The Duke of Gloucester was present this afternoon at the Annual Luncheon of the Middle East Association at the Café Royal, Regent Street, London, W1.

Lt Col Sir Simon Bland was in attendance.

THATCHED HOUSE LODGE
RICHMOND PARK
March 8: Princess Alexandra, Vice-President of the British Red Cross Society, this morning attended a meeting of the Branch Affairs Committee at 9, Grosvenor Crescent, London, SW1.

Lady Mary Mumford was in attendance.

In the evening, Her Royal Highness presented the BISH Medal of the Scientific Exploration Society to Miss Anna French during a Reception held at the Howard Hotel, London, WC2.

Mrs Peter Afia was in attendance.

Birthdays today

Mr Bill Beaumont, rugby player, 36; Mr M.G. Brock, warden, Nuffield College, Oxford, 68; M André Courreges, fashion designer, 65; Sir Roualeyn Cumming-Bruce, former Lord Justice of Appeal, 76; Mr Bobby Fischer, chess player, 45; Mr John Golding, trades unionist, 57; Major-General J.P. Groom, director-general, Guide Dogs for the Blind Association, 59; Dr T.L. Johnston, principal and vice-chancellor, Heriot-Watt University, 61; General Sir Frank King, 69; Sir Norman Lindop, principal, British School of Osteopathy, 67; Sir Ben Lockspeiser, aeronautical engineer, 97; Sir Ronald Melville, civil servant, 76; Sir Steuart Mitchell, armaments designer, 86; Mr Peter Quennell, writer, 83; Professor K.E. Robinson, former vice-chancellor, Hong Kong University, 74; Lord Thurlow, 76; Professor Sir David Weatherall, haematologist, 55.

Anniversaries

BIRTHS: Honoré Mirabeau, statesman, Bignon, France, 1749; William Cobbett, Farnham, Surrey, 1763; Ernest Bevin, Foreign Secretary 1945-51, Winsford, Somerset, 1881; Victoria Sackville-West, novelist and biographer, Knole Castle, Kent, 1892; David Smith, sculptor, Decatur, Indiana, 1906; Samuel Barber, composer, West Chester, Pennsylvania, 1910.

DEATHS: David Rizzio, favourite of Mary, Queen of Scots, murdered, Edinburgh, 1566; Jules Mazarin, cardinal, statesman, Vincennes, France, 1661; Arnold Toynbee, social philosopher, London, 1883; William I, German emperor 1871-88, Berlin, 1888; Frank Wedekind, dramatist, Munich, 1918.

Accession of Frederick III, German emperor, 1888.

Today's royal engagements

The Duke of Edinburgh will present the 1987 Prince Philip Award for the Royal Association of British Dairy Farmers at Buckingham Palace at 10.30; as patron and trustee, will attend receptions at St James's Palace at 11.30 and 4.00 for young people who have reached the gold standard in the Duke of Edinburgh's Award Scheme; will give a luncheon and preside at a meeting for the trustees of the scheme at Buckingham Palace at 12.40; and, as a member of the Court of the Fishmongers' Company, will attend the Masters and Clerks dinner at Fishmongers' Hall.

Queen Elizabeth the Queen Mother will open the Kelvin Hall International Sports Arena, Glasgow, at noon; and the new headquarters of the Royal Scottish Academy of Music and Drama at 3.00.

The Princess Royal, Chancellor of London University, will preside at the Presentation Ceremony at the Albert Hall at 2.00.

Princess Alexandra will visit the Royal Botanic Gardens at Kew at 11.30 and plant a tree to mark the fiftieth anniversary of the Reader's Digest Association.

Service Dinner

University of Birmingham Air Squadron
Air Vice-Marshal D. Whittaker, Air Officer Administration, RAF Support Command, was the principal guest at the University of Birmingham Air Squadron annual dinner held last night at RAF Cosford. Squadron Leader A.H. McLean, Commanding Officer, presided. The Air Officer Commanding and Commandant, RAF College Cranwell, the Vice-Chancellor of Aston University in Birmingham and members of the West Midlands Education Committee were among those present.

Proud mothers of the famous

Lining up with pictures of their children: Top row: Zelma Lipman (actress Maureen), Janet Nankeville (impressionist Bobby Davro), Emily Davidson (comedian Jim) and Janette Edwards ("Eagle" Eddie); bottom row, Vera Gatting (cricketer Mike), Evadne Honeyghan (boxer Lloyd), Katie McGuigan (boxer Barry), and Pese Cohen (politician Edwina Currie) — Photograph: Chris Harris.

Eddie (the Eagle) Edwards flies to Finland today to perfect his ski-jumping technique, leaving his mother with six weeks of Olympic laundry to do.

Mrs Janette Edwards was one of the mothers of famous sons and daughters attending a special Mothers' Day lunch at Claridges in London yesterday.

Other famous mothers vied with each other to be photographed alongside a large photograph of him. "I just can't believe it. I didn't expect people like this to be so keen on my son", she said.

Today Mrs Edwards returns home to Cheltenham, her son's washing and her job with a radiator company trying to pay off the big debts the family ran up getting Eddie to Calgary.

Other guests at the lunch yesterday included the mothers of newsreaders Fiona Armstrong, Carol Barnes and John Craven, actress Maureen Lipman and celebrities such as Jonathan Ross and Noel Edmonds.

Dinners

Middle Temple
Mr Mark Littman, QC, Treasurer of the Middle Temple, and Masters of the Bench entertained the following guests at dinner in Hall last night, it being Grand Day in Easter Term.
The Lord Chancellor, Lord Goodman, CH, Lord Wigoder, Baroness Cox, Lord Justice and Lady Kerr, Lord Justice Bingham, Admiral Sir William Staveley, Sir Denis Forman, Sir Alistair Frame, Sir Patrick Neill, QC, Judge Monier-Williams (treasurer, Inner Temple), Dr F A Mann, Mr Richard Yorke, QC, Mr Lloyd N Cutler, Mr James D Wolfensohn, Mrs Mark Littmann, Miss Grace Bumbry, Mrs John Nutting, Mr Peter F Holmes, Mr Murray Lawrence and Rear-Admiral J R Hill.

Carmen's Company
The Lord Mayor and Lady Mayoress, accompanied by the Sheriffs and their ladies, attended the annual livery dinner of the Carmen's Company held last night at the Mansion House.

Alderman Sir Christopher Leaver, Master, presided, assisted by Major D.R. Baker, Senior Warden, and Mr G.A. Long, Junior Warden. The Lord Mayor, Mr C.F.W. Birch and Sir John Hermon also spoke.

London House
Lady French, Vice-Chairman of the London House Trust, presided at the annual law faculty dinner for graduates at London House and Willam Goodenough House held last night at Mecklenburgh Square. Mr David Emms, director, and Mrs Emms received the guests.

Among those present were:
Lord and Lady Keith of Kinkel, Lord and Lady Seebohm, Lord Justice and Lady Fox, Lord Justice and Lady Gibson, Mr Justice and Lady Beldam, Mr Justice French, Mr Justice and Lady Hobhouse, Mr Justice and Lady McCowan, Mr Justice and Lady Owen, Mr Justice Saville, Sir Jack and Lady Rumbold, Sir Alan and Lady Leslie, Mr Scott Baker, QC, Mr Christopher Bellamy, QC, Mr D Keane, QC, Mr and Mrs W R Benyon, Professor J Jowell and Professor Barry Nicholas.

Marie Curie Memorial Foundation
A dinner was held to celebrate the Fortieth Anniversary of the Marie Curie Memorial Foundation on Tuesday, March 8, 1988, at Fishmonger's Hall. The guests were received by Field Marshal Lord Bramall, Lord Lieutenant of Greater London, and Lady Bramall, and Mr Ronald Raven, Chairman of Council of the Marie Curie Foundation. After dinner a piano recital was given by Miss Moura Lympany.

Pipeline Industries Guild
Mr Alastair Morton and Judge Pickles were the guests of honour at the annual dinner of the Pipeline Industries Guild held last night at Grosvenor House. Sir Robert Scholey, president, and Mr A.K. Stalker, chairman, also spoke.

Women's Advertising Club of London
Sir James Blyth was the guest speaker at a dinner given by the Women's Advertising Club of London at the Savoy Hotel last night. Miss Sue Pike, president, was in the chair.

Two new directors

Lord Harris of High Cross

Sir Patrick Neill

Two independent national directors were appointed to the board of Times Newspapers Holdings Ltd yesterday.

They are Lord Harris of High Cross, Chairman of the Institute of Economic Affairs, and Sir Patrick Neill QC, Warden of All Souls and Vice-Chancellor of Oxford University.

Lord Harris, aged 63, who became a life peer in 1979, sits as a crossbencher in the House of Lords. Educated at Queens' College, Cambridge, where he gained a first class honours degree in economics, he has a long list of publications to his name, including several on the welfare state. A leading churchman, he founded the Institute of Economic Affairs.

Sir Patrick, aged 61, is a distinguished lawyer and a former chairman of the Press Council. Educated at Magdalen College, Oxford, he was chairman of the Council for the Securities Industry from 1978 to 1985 and headed the Government's recent inquiry into the regulation of the Lloyd's insurance market.

After a successful career as a commercial barrister, including a year as chairman of the Bar Council in 1974-75, he became Warden of All Souls in 1977.

The new directors replace on the board of Times Newspapers Holdings Ltd Sir Charles Troughton, whose resignation was announced last month, and Lord Dacre of Glanton, who did not seek re-election.

Luncheons

Middle East Association
The Duke of Gloucester attended the annual luncheon of the Middle East Association held yesterday at the Café Royal. Mr C.J. Craig, chairman, presided and Lord Denman, vice-president, also spoke.

HM Government
Sir Geoffrey Howe, QC, Secretary of State for Foreign and Commonwealth Affairs, was host at a luncheon held yesterday at 1 Carlton Gardens in honour of the Vice-President of Guatemala and Señora Maria Mercedes Blanco de Carpio.

Board of Deputies of British Jews
Sir Joshua and Lady Hassan were the guests of honour at a luncheon given yesterday by the President, Secretary General and Honorary Officers of the Board of Deputies of British Jews at Hillel House, WC1. The other guests included:

The Liberian Ambassador, the Greek Ambassador, Lord Barnett, Lord Bethell, Lord Boyd-Carpenter, Baroness Hart of South Lanark, Lady Janner, Lord Lever of Manchester, Lord Merrivale, Lord Stewart of Fulham, CH, Marshal of the RAF Sir John Grandy, General Sir William Jackson, Sir John Sory, Sir Robin Vanderfelt, Mr G S Laing and Dr David Tonkin.

Lecture

Chartered Institute of Arbitrators
Lord Donaldson of Lymington, Master of the Rolls, was among those present yesterday in the Great Hall, Lincoln's Inn, when the tenth Alexander lecture was delivered to the Chartered Institute of Arbitrators by the president, Lord Goff of Chieveley.

Receptions

Royal Philharmonic Society
The Queen, as Patron, accompanied by the Duke of Edinburgh attended a reception given yesterday evening at the Royal Institution to commemorate the 175th anniversary of the Royal Philharmonic Society's first concert which took place on March 8, 1813. The chairman and treasurer, Mr John Denison, with the co-treasurer, Mr Peter Andry, and the secretary, Mr Eric Thompson, received the guests. Mr Melvyn Tan played a short programme of music by Beethoven on the fortepiano and the society's librarian, Mr Arthur Searle, presented a small exhibition of the society's manuscripts and memorabilia.

The guests included:
The French Ambassador and Vicomtesse de la Barre de Nanteuil, the Austrian Ambassador and Frau Magrutsch, the Minister for the Arts and the Hon Mrs Luce, Lord and Lady Armstrong of Ilminster, the Hon Albemarle Bowes Lyon, Mrs Ralph Vaughan Williams, Lady Berkeley, the Director of the Royal Institution and Mrs Thomas, the Deputy Director of the Royal Institution and Mrs Phillips.
Members, associates and fellows with corporate supporters of the society including representatives of Ambassador Foundation, Cable & Wireless, Consolidated Gold Fields, Coutts & Co, EMI Music, Hill Samuel Investment Management, Honeywell Bull, Marks & Spencer, Orfex Group Holdings, Peters Edition, N M Rothschild & Sons and RTZ Services.

HM Government
Lord Young of Graffham, Secretary of State for Trade and Industry, was host at a reception given by HM Government at Lancaster House yesterday in recognition of export services to the Department of Trade and Industry.

Lord Mayor
The Lord Mayor and Lady Mayoress, accompanied by the Sheriffs and their ladies, received the guests at a reception given by the Corporation of London in Guildhall last night to mark the occasion of the first International Conference on the Global Impact of Aids.

Latest wills

Latest wills include:

Sir Joseph Burtt **Hutchinson**, of Girton, Cambridge, who was distinguished for his work on the genetics and evolution of crop plants, particularly cotton, left estate valued at £323,792 net.

Lady Barbara Mary **Franks**, of Oxford, wife of Lord Franks of Headington, former British Ambassador at Washington, Chancellor of the University of East Anglia and Provost of Worcester College, Oxford, left estate valued at £1,265,152 net.

Miss Elise **Pilkington**, of Stow on the Wold, Gloucestershire, widow of Roger L Pilkington, left estate valued at £1,815,897 net.

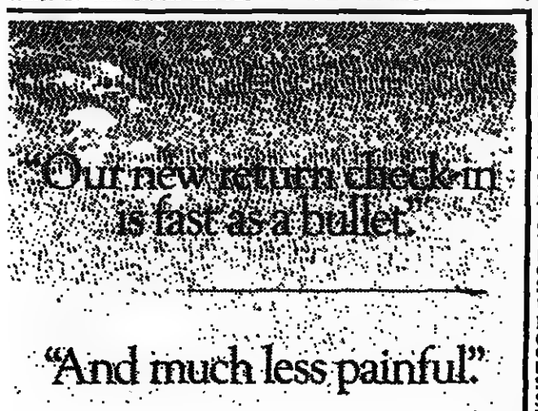
Memorial service

Mr and Mrs M. Hornby
A service of thanksgiving for the lives of Mr and Mrs Michael Hornby was held in the Grosvenor Chapel yesterday. The Rev Dr A.W. Marks officiated and read the lesson. Sir Simon Hornby, son, read from *The Prophet* by Kahil Gibran and the Right Rev Simon Phipps gave an address. Miss Elizabeth Harwood sang *I know that my Redeemer liveth* by Handel. Among those present were:

Mr and Mrs Charles Hornby (son and daughter-in-law), Mr and Mrs John Gough (son-in-law and daughter), Lady Hornby (daughter-in-law), the Marquess of Blandford, Mr Nathan and Lady Henrietta Weber and Mr Nicholas Hornby (grandchildren), Lady Holland-Martin, Mr Edward Hornby, Mr Ben Holland-Martin, Mrs T A Hall, Lady Teresa Agnew, the Hon Mrs Morrison, Captain Edward Hall, Mr John Hall, Mr and Mrs David Wentworth-Stanley, M Jean de Yturbe, Sir Edward and Lady Tomkins, Viscount Ward of Willey, Miss Sally Hornby, Mrs Miles Hornby.

The Duke of Marlborough, Laura Duchess of Marlborough, the Duke of Abercorn, the Countess of Westmorland, the Earl and Countess of Clarendon, the Countess of Sutherland, the Countess of Derby, Lord and Lady Charles Churchill, Viscountess Hambleden, the Dowager Viscountess Hambleden, Mrs Simon Phipps, Lord and Lady Inchyra, Lord and Lady Brunsfield, Lord and Lady Rockley, Lord and Lady Gibson, Lord and Lady Peston of Yeovil, Lady Gladwyn, Mrs Paul Channon, Lady Rosemary Muir, Lady Caroline Waterhouse, Lady Dorothy Heber-Percy, Lady Victoria Scott, Lady Margaret Colville, Lady Diana Herbert, the Hon Lady Lindsay of Dowhill, the Hon Lady Morrison, the Hon James and Lady Caroline Oulvy, the Hon Greville and Mrs Howard, the Hon Patrick and Mrs Howard, the Hon Robin and Mrs Warrender, the Hon Robin Hoyer Millar, the Hon Richard and Mrs Strutt, the Hon Mrs Wallace, the Hon Mrs Healing, the Hon Mrs Sara Morrison, the Hon Mrs Fionn Morgan, the Hon Mrs Reginald Winn, the Hon Mrs Townend, the Hon Mrs Bridge, Sir Anthony Touche (Prime Warden, Goldsmiths' Company), Sir Hugh Brassey, Sir Charles and Lady Troughton, Sir John Prideaux, Lady Pilcher, Sir Humphrey Prideaux, Sir Edward and the Hon Lady Ford, Mr R H J and Lady Rosemary Steel, Mr Frank and Lady Katharine Giles, Mr and the Hon Mrs Michael Brand.

Mr Jocelyn Stevens, Mr Hardy Amies, Mr and Mrs Edward Cazalet, Mrs Peter Cazalet, Mr and Mrs Victor Cazalet, Mr Anthony Cazalet, Mr Robin Holland-Martin, Mrs Edward Holland Martin, Mrs Michael Wentworth Stanley, Mr Alastair Gough, Mr and Mrs John Sheffield, Mrs Roger Harvey, Mr Desmond Baring, Mrs Leopold Lonsdale, Mr C L Loyd, Mr Frank Williams, Mr Sandy Gilmour, Mr Walter Prideaux, Mr and Mrs Henry Berens, Captain and Mrs Michael Naylor-Leyland, Mr Julian Royle, Mr and Mrs Thomas Dunne, Professor and Mrs Gerald Benney, Professor Robert Goodden, Mr Peter Laing, Mr and Mrs Michael Allsopp, Mr and Mrs Kenneth Wagg, Mr Peter Coats, Mrs Veronica Munster, Mr Richard Bryant, Mr Peter Jenkins, Mr V E Scott-Bailey, Mrs Anthony Loehnis, Mr Robin Herbert, Mr and Mrs Christopher Keeling, Mr Peter Tunnard, Mrs Paul Hyde-Thomson, Mr William Clarke, Mr Jeremy Tree, Mr Nicholas Hunloke, Mr Godfrey Chandler (deputy chairman, W H Smith Group) with Mr Hugh McNearnie and Mr Julian Smith (directors); Mr I D Gainsford (dean, King's College School of Medicine and Dentistry), Mr John Wise (Bircham and Company), Mr Peter Wilmot-Sitwell (vice-chairman, S G Warburg Group), Mr Philip Colville (4th Battalion, Grenadier Guards), Mrs C Dreyer (Wantage and Faringdon Magistrates), Mr Arthur Crook (president, Royal Literary Fund) and Major Guy Knight (treasurer, National Farmers' Union) and Mrs Knight.



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Wycombe Abbey School

Wycombe Abbey Scholarship Awards 1988:
The Wycombe Abbey Open Scholarship: Kirstie Hepburn (Godstowe School and Wycombe Abbey). The William Johnstone Yapp Scholarship: Tania Coke (Godstowe School). The Crosthwaite Scholarship: Charlotte Bigland (Ashdown House).
The Walpole Scholarship: Francesca Beauman (Trevor-Roberts Tutorial College). The Whitelaw Exhibitions (Music): Emily Cawdron (Rupert House School) and Tania Coke (Godstowe School).

Exhibitions: Katherine Day (Queen Edith Junior School, Cambridge and Wycombe Abbey); Gillian Kirby (Old Hall School, Telford); Samantha Saper (Maltman's Green); Sarah Thomson (Butterstone House School and Wycombe Abbey); Ranti Williams (Glendower Preparatory School and Wycombe Abbey); Emma Wolukau-Wanambwa (Mrs Roche's Coaching Establishment). (Art): Julia Cropley (Beachborough, near Brackley).

Sixth Form Scholarships:
Major Scholarship: Camilla Holmes (Bedford High School).

Sixth Form Awards: Auriol Bishop (Wycombe Abbey); Harriet Evans (Wycombe Abbey); Alice Gaskell (Wycombe Abbey); Belinda Starling (Wycombe Abbey).

Forthcoming marriages

The Hon R.C. Soames and Miss C.R. Dunne
The engagement is announced between Rupert, youngest son of the late Lord Soames and Lady Soames, of North Warnborough, Hampshire, and Camilla Rose, eldest daughter of Mr and Mrs Thomas Dunne, of Gatley Park, Herefordshire.

Mr S.C. Wilcox and Miss E.M. Hay
The engagement is announced between Simon, son of the late Sir Malcolm Wilcox and of Lady (Sheila) Wilcox, of Kennington, London, and Elizabeth, daughter of Dr and Mrs W.M. Hay, of Newlands, Glasgow.

Dottore G. Codacci-Pisanelli and Miss S.K. Butterwick
The engagement is announced between Guilio, son of the late Ing Pio Codacci-Pisanelli and of Signora Codacci-Pisanelli, of Rome, and Sarah Katherine, daughter of Mr and Mrs John Butterwick, of Danyells, Sandon, Buntingford, Hertfordshire.

Mr M.B. Deneby and Miss V.E. Illingworth
The engagement is announced between Michael Bruce, second son of Mr and Mrs T.P. Deneby, of Seale, Farnham, Surrey, and Victoria, youngest daughter of Mr and Mrs J.W. Illingworth, of Wellingborough, Northamptonshire.

Mr N.J. Morel-Orchard and Miss J.L. Steventon
The engagement is announced between Nicholas, son of Jurat and Mrs J.J. Morel-Orchard, of St Peter, Jersey, and Jane, daughter of Mr K. Steventon, of St Lawrence, Jersey, and Mrs E.F. Bridge, of Quadring, Lincolnshire.

Mr K.S. Gallon and Miss A.F. Gascoigne
The engagement is announced between Keith Storey, second son of Mr W.E. Gallon and the late Mrs Gallon, of Farnham, Surrey, and Anni Frances, second daughter of Mr and Mrs R.M. Gascoigne, of Leatherhead, Surrey.

Mr J.M.H. Hutchings and Miss C.J. Jackson
The engagement is announced between John Merlin Hinton, elder son of Mr J.M.C. Hutchings and the late Mrs C. Hutchings, of Micheldever, Hampshire, and Carolyn Jane, elder daughter of Major and Mrs J.G. Jackson, of Brancepeth, Co Durham.

Mr R.H. Lowe and Miss S.E. Ainge
The engagement is announced between Richard, eldest son of Mrs M.A. Lowe and the late Colonel R.H. Lowe, of Bradminch, Devon, and Susan Elizabeth, elder daughter of Mr and Mrs R.F. Ainge, of Pymble, New South Wales, Australia.

Mr S. Pritchard and Miss F.M. Ryan
The engagement is announced between Stephen, son of Mr and Mrs H.I. Pritchard, of Creigiau, Cardiff, and Fiona, younger daughter of Mr and Mrs Larry Ryan, of Henstaffe Court, Cardiff.

Mr G.C. Ludlow and Miss I.V. Fisher
The engagement is announced between Geoffrey, son of Mr and Mrs M.C.J. Ludlow, of 34 Harcourt Road, Folkestone, and Iona, daughter of Mr and Mrs I.F. Fisher, of Moreton Pinkney Grange, Daventry, Northamptonshire.

Mr W. Mackenzie-Smith and Miss G. Bartley
The engagement is announced between William, elder son of Mr and Mrs Alexander Mackenzie-Smith, of Oswaldkirk, York, and Gail, elder daughter of Mr and Mrs N.A. San Filippo, of Los Angeles, California.

Marriages

Lord Ralph Kerr and Miss M-C.G. Black
The marriage took place on Saturday, March 5, 1988, between Lord Ralph Kerr and Miss Marie-Claire Black, at St Andrews Episcopal Church, St Andrews, Fife. The Most Rev Edward Luscombe, Primus of the Episcopal Church in Scotland, officiated.

The bride, who was given away by her father, was attended by Lady Clare Kerr, Lady Marina Scrymgeour, Miss Lucy Cameron, Lady Mary Kerr, Lady Louisa-Jane Montagu Douglas Scott, Thomas Ledger and Harry Roper-Curzon. The bridegroom's brother, the Earl of Ancram, was best man.

A reception was held at the home of the bride and the honeymoon is being spent abroad.

Lord Oaksey and Mrs R.F. Crocker
The marriage took place on March 7, in Wiltshire between Lord Oaksey and Mrs Rachel Crocker.

OBITUARY

PROF G.C. McVITTIE

Mathematics of the Spheres

Professor George Cunliffe McVittie, OBE, an astronomer who made considerable contributions to cosmological theory, died yesterday at the age of 83.

Much of his life was spent in America, where he was Professor of Astronomy at the Univerity of Illinois from 1952 to 1972. From 1972 to 1985 he was Honorary Professor of Theoretical Astronomy at the University of Kent at Canterbury.

His life's work received a remarkable accolade when Minor Planet 2417 was named "McVittie" by the International Astronomical Union in 1984.

McVittie was born on June 5, 1904, at Smyrna (now Izmir) in Turkey. Shortly after his birth his father lost his job as secretary to a firm of liquorice exporters and there follwoed some anxious years for the family, until McVittie senior acquired an agency to import American roll-top desks, which he later developed into a small department store.

He also ran the local fire brigade, a fact which enabled him and his family to stay at liberty during the First World War.

At the time of the Greco-Turkish war the family were on holiday in Britain, and decided to remain here. McVittie went to Edinburgh University, where he read engineering, and then to Cambridge, where he took a degree in mathematics (his first love) and natural philosophy. Further research at Edinburgh was followed by a period at Cambridge working for his PhD under Eddington.

After the free and easy existence as a Scottish student McVittie found Eddington's remoteness and unapproachability something of a trial. The great man was also, at that time, entering upon those mystical realms of thought which were to produce Fundamental Theory.

Nevertheless the Cambridge period gave McVittie his only formal instruction in astronomy.

In the 1930s he taught at Leeds, Liverpool and then London (Reader in Mathematics at King's College, 1936-48).

His own research had been in the spheres of inquiry opened up by Einstein's theories. His first book, *Cosmological Theory*, appeared in 1937.

During the war McVittie served with the Meteorological Office and the Air Ministry, where he worked on breaking Italian and German meteorological cyphers. Later he worked with the US Navy cryptographic organization.

He was appointed OBE in 1946, having been elected a Fellow of the Royal Society of Edinburgh in 1943.

From 1948 to 1952 McVittie was Professor of Mathematics at Queen Mary College, London.

In 1952 he took up the Chair of Astronomy at the University of Illinois, and spent twenty creative years there.

His influential *General Relativity and Cosmology* appeared in 1956. *Fact and Theory in Cosmology* was published in 1961, and he edited *Problems of Extra-Galactic Research* (1962) while continuing to produce a stream of papers on relativity and its astronomical applications.

In 1972 he returned to Britain to continue his work on the theory of the universe, publishing many more papers.

His wife died in 1985.

JOAN HASSALL

Joan Hassall, OBE, one of the most accomplished of modern wood engravers, died on March 6. She was 82.

Her best known work was to illustrate, for the Folio Society, the novels of Jane Austen. It was a world admirably fitted to her art, an unsensational, very English world of charming detail, simple emotions and gentle, dry humour.

She was the daughter of an artist with great popular appeal, in a rather different tradition: John Hassall, famous for his poster of an exuberant fisherman with the slogan "Skegness is So Bracing." Her brother was Christopher Hassall, a poet who gave her her first commission, to illustrate the title page of his book, *Devil's Dyke*.

Joan Hassall trained at the Royal Academy Schools and apparently hoped to be a portrait painter. For a time she was assistant to Sir Gerald Kelly. Then she enrolled in an engraving class at an LCC education institute.

It was an art which had obviously been overtaken by modern printing technology, but Joan Hassall notably helped to revive it. Her inspiration was Bewick, who died in 1828. She captured his spirit in some of her work, but she also, for instance, produced good naturalistic portayals of animals.

Book engraving is a painstaking, time-consuming craft. When she worked for the Folio Society, a book club with schedules to adhere to if it was to get its books to members, there were often anxious moments as deadlines drew near. They would send gifts of red roses from time to time to show they understood the anxieties of a creative artist. Once they sent a bottle of champagne with a reassuring message not to worry if she was a little late with the latest engraving, but she apparently panicked on seeing a box with a formal-looking label on it and never opened it.

During the war she taught book production at the Edinburgh College of Art, but returned to London to concentrate on wood engraving.

In 1948 she was elected a Fellow of the Royal Society of Painter-Etchers and Engravers and in the same year designed the £1 stamp for the King and Queen's silver wedding. In 1953 she designed the invitation card for the Coronation.

In book illustration she went to great pains to be faithful to history, always carefully studying fashions of the period when she was drawing women. And she loved to depict nature.

A contrast with Jane Austen was provided by more earthy illustrations for Scottish poems published for the Saltire Society. The classics she illustrated included Trollope, *Cranford* and *A Child's Garden of Verses*. Often she took on illustration of the whole book - decorating chapter headings and bindings as well as producing pictures.

She had to overcome much illness. In later years arthritis robbed her of the physical dexterity to wield the engraving tools she loved, and for that reason she latterly moved to the medium of scraperboard. Finally, failing eyesight stopped her working altogether. Fortunately she found satisfaction in music.

The Wood Engravings of Joan Hassall appeared as a book in 1960 and *Joan Hassall: Engravings and Drawings* in 1985.

She was made an OBE last year. In 1973 she was awarded the Bronze Medal of the Paris Salon. In 1972 she was Master of the Art Workers' Guild.

MR ROBERT KIRTON

Mr Robert Kirton, CBE, general manager of the Equity and Law Life Assurance Society for 27 years, who died on March 7, was an outstanding member of the actuarial profession, active in higher education and in charitable work. He was 86.

Until last year he was a governor of the London School of Economics.

During the war he was involved in the debate which led to the introduction of Pay As You Earn as the method of collecting the then rapidly increasing volume of income tax.

Robert James Kirton was born on July 13, 1901, and educated at Merchant Taylors' School and Peterhouse, Cambridge. He qualified as a Fellow of the Institute of Actuaries in 1930 while working at the Scottish Widows' Fund and then joined the Scottish Amicable Life Assurance Society. He moved to Equity and Law in 1938, becoming general manager the following year.

The company's fortunes were low. He reorganized it from the board downwards, nursed it through the war and laid the base for successful postwar development.

In 1943 he was joint author of a paper to the Institute of Actuaries at the time when there was vigorous debate about how social security insurance should develop after the war. Kirton and A.T. Haynes proposed an integration of social security and income tax, so that the State would not be taking with one hand and giving with the other. Their proposals thus anticipated by thirty years or so the recent debate on how to eliminate the "poverty trap" for people on small incomes. Their paper also set out the basis of PAYE, to replace annual or half-yearly payment of tax by wage earners.

His main work outside the profession was for the sick and aged. For a time he was honorary treasurer and then vice-president of the National Council for Social Service. But his most important charitable work was for the Royal United Kingdom Beneficent Association, of which he was chairman from 1958 to 1974.

He was also energetic in helping and encouraging young people. From 1967 to 1975 he was on the Council of Bath University.

Under him, Equity and Law became a training ground for actuaries.

When he retired as general manager he continued as a director of Equity and Law until 1977. From 1969 to 1977 he was also chairman of Equity and Law Unit Trust Managers, Ltd.

He is survived by his wife Susan, one of their two sons and two daughters.

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BIRTHS, MARRIAGES, DEATHS

Let us therefore come boldly unto the throne of grace, that we may obtain mercy, and find grace to help in time of need.

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BIRTHS

ANGIOR - On February 29th to Alison (née Potts) and Jonathan (deceased), a daughter. 218 Preston Road, Chorley, Lancs.

BALFOUR - On March 4th, 1988, to Claire (née Errington) and Alan, a daughter, Camilla Ruth.

CAPES - On February 29th 1988, in Vienna, to Tamara and Mark, a daughter, Sarah Talbot.

CARRUTHERS - On March 2nd 1988, to Catherine (née Graham-Bryce) and Keith, a daughter, Alexandra Sophie.

CLARKE - On March 1st, to Deborah (née Tee) and Anthony, a son, Jack Anthony.

DANIEL - On March 2nd, at The West London Hospital, to Charlotte (née Colfox) and James, a daughter, Olivia.

DAVIES - On February 29th at St. Mary's Hospital, Portsmouth, to Rosemary (née Harries-Brown) and Alan, a son, James Robert Lewis.

EDE - On March 4th, to Gillian (née Stanton) and Justin, a son, Rupert Alexander, a brother for Michael.

ELMHIRST - On March 7th, to Karin (née Moss) and Orlando, a son Spaden.

EVANS - On February 11th, to Alison (Partridge) & Mark a son Jonathan James, a brother for Thomas.

FIELDING - On March 6th, to Marian (née Parsons) and Paul, of Long Ashton, Bristol, a son, Peter John.

FRITH - On March 1st, at Wycombe General Hospital to Valerie (née Winn) and Railton, a daughter, Deborah Kate, a sister for Victoria Jane.

GAMMELL - On March 4th 1988, to Gilly (née Gaskell) and Pete, a daughter Sophie Louise, a sister for Daniel.

GLOVER - On March 7th 1988, to Sarah (née Todd) and Mark, a daughter, Hannah Ruth Alice.

HACKETT - On March 7th, to Katrina (née Harrison) and Martin, a daughter, Sabrina Elizabeth.

HAMMON - On March 3rd, to Louise (née Baker) and Russell, a daughter, Lucy.

HAMMOND - On March 6th, at Guy's Hospital, to Catherine (née Shipsey) and Tim, a daughter, Clare Elizabeth.

HARINGMAN - On March 4th, to Barbara (née Epstein) and Michael, a son, Nicholas Louis.

HUNTER GORDON - On March 5th, to Georgina (née Varney) and Kit, a son, Sam William.

JAMIESON - On February 24th at St. Paul's Maternity Hospital, Cheltenham to Rosy (née Boyd) and Alasdair, a son, Matthew Gordon.

KEWLEY - On March 2nd, 1988 to Jan (née Maulden) and David, a daughter, Georgia Ellen Riou.

LOW - On March 2nd 1988, to Lele (née Shannon) and Michael, a daughter, Rosemarie Shannon.

McMILLAN - On March 3rd 1988, to Judith (née Mason) and Peter, a daughter, Alexandra Harriet, a sister for James.

RANDS - On March 2nd, to Gillian (née Porter Goff) and Michael, a son Christopher.

RUSSELL - On March 7th 1988, to Elizabeth (née Marples) and Henry, a son William Henry Marples.

SCRIVENER - On March 2nd 1988 at Epsom, to Debbie and Alex, a son, Jacob Callen, a brother for Matthew.

WRAGG - On February 28th, at The Rosie Maternity Hospital, Cambridge, to Aureole (née Fowler) and Lawrence, a daughter, Helen Juliet, a sister for Isabel and David.

YONGE - On March 6th 1988, to Sally (née Cooke) and Nicholas, a daughter, Charlotte.

DEATHS

BARRINGTON-MASON - On 7th March 1988, peacefully in hospital, Hilda Marcia (née Chalkey), of Broadwindsor House, Beaminster, Dorset. Mother of Stephanie Stoneman and Guy Hayes. Grandmother of Stephanie, Sholpo, Arabella and Oliver Hayes. Thanksgiving Service at St John's Church, Broadwindsor, on Monday March 14th at 12.00 noon. Enquiries to A J Wakely and Sons, Bridport 0308 23726.

BOSTOCK - On March 6th 1988, peacefully at Hamilton House, Buckingham, John Kenneth, M.C., M.B., Ch.B., in his 93rd year. Dearly loved husband of the late Judith, much loved father and father-in-law of Sibyl and Colin Laing, and dear grandfather of Andrew, Janet, Alison and Moira (all of Auckland, New Zealand). A Memorial Service will be held at Buckingham Parish Church on Wednesday March 16th 1988 at 3.30pm, following a private cremation. Family flowers only, but donations may be made to The League of Friends, Buckingham Hospital, c/o Mr W Crisp, 28 Highlands Road, Buckingham. Communications to: Laing, 15 West Street, Buckingham.

BOUCHER - On March 1st, 1988, Elizabeth (Betty, née Holt) aged 76, of Rolvenden Layne, wife of the late Captain S. Boucher R.N., dear sister, stepmother, aunt and friend. Service of Thanksgiving at St Mary's Church, Rolvenden, near Cranbrook, Kent at noon on Saturday March 19th. Donations may be given to The Rolvenden Branch British Legion, c/o National Westminster Bank, Tenterden, Kent.

BRERETON - On March 6th, peacefully at The Royal Devon and Exeter Hospital, Marjorie Pemphilon aged 84, beloved and devoted wife of the late John Lancelot Brereton and dearly loved mother of Robert Ian. Service at Exeter Crematorium on Friday 11th March at 11 am. No flowers by request but donations to Guide Dogs for the Blind, Exeter.

BURGESS - On March 7th, after a long illness cheerfully borne, Gladys Eugenie, widow of the late Samuel Burgess of Ludlow, Shropshire, in her 90th year. Dearly loved by all her family. Funeral 10.30 am, Friday March 11th at St Gile's, Ludford, Ludlow.

CHEVALLIER - On March 2nd, 1988, suddenly at home, Eileen Alice Mercy Mayne, aged 88 years. Dearly beloved mother of Michael, and grandmother of Sarah, Victoria and Jonathan. Funeral service to be held at St. Andrews Church, Wickham Skeith, on Monday 14th March 1988, at 2pm, followed by interment at St. Peters, Freston. Family flowers only, but donations if desired for Friends of St. Andrews, maybe sent C/o Stewards Funeral Service, 18 Bury Street, Stowmarket.

CLIFFORD-WING - On March 4th, at home, aged 73, Hugh V.(Dickie), after an illness fought with courage. Adored husband of Jean and beloved by his step-daughter Sarah and her husband and children. Cremation private. Thanksgiving Service announcement later.

COTTERILL - On March 6th 1988, in hospital, suddenly but after a long illness courageously endured, Jeannie Hills. Dearly loved wife of Joe, mother of Rowland, mother-in-law of Helen and grandma of Simon and Sarah. Funeral and Memorial Service at St John The Baptist, Kingston Bagpuize, Oxfordshire on Friday March 11th at 2pm. Family flowers only, donations if desired, to China Ministries International, c/o Oxford Centre for Mission Studies, PO Box 70, Oxford.

CURRIE - On March 4th, Mary Campbell Vickers Currie, aged 91 years. Widow of Dr. John Currie D.S.O., and loving mother of John and Jean. Funeral Friday March 11th, Service at The West Cemetery Chapel, Darlington at 2.30pm, followed by interment, floral tributes maybe sent to Seaton Leng and Sons Ltd., Bondgate, Darlington.

DENT-BROCKLEHURST - On March 4th 1988, peacefully at home, Mary, of Hawling Manor, Andoversford, Cheltenham. Beloved mother of Anne Fersale and Catharine Chianese and the late Mark Dent-Brocklehurst and Rosemary Parker. Funeral for family and close friends at St. Edward's Church, Hawling, at 9am on Friday 11th March. Memorial Service in St. Peter's Church, Winchcombe, on a date to be announced.

EATON-WILLIAMS - On March 4th 1988, peacefully in hospital after a long illness borne with great courage, Ellen (née Blueth). Beloved wife of Raymond, devoted mother of Nicola, Michael and Peter and sister of Eva. Service at 12.45 pm on Monday March 14th, at St. Mary's Church, Kippington, Sevenoaks, Kent, followed by cremation at Tunbridge Wells. Family flowers only please or donations, if desired, to The MacMillan Fund for Cancer Relief c/o Francis Chapel & Sons, 27 London Road, Sevenoaks, Kent.

GRANT - On March 4th 1988, suddenly at home, Hugh Duncan, much loved brother of Madeline (Bunty). Funeral private.

GRIFFIN - On March 6th in Pembury Hospital, Tunbridge Wells, after a bravely endured illness, Richard (Dick) Joseph. Formerly of Mijas Costa, Spain. Beloved husband of Iris, father of Jennifer, Andrew and Nicholas and much loved father-in-law and grandad.

HALL - On March 3rd suddenly, but peacefully, at home in Bosham, Maurice husband of Carol, father of Martin Peter. Donations to R.N.L.I.

HAMMOND - On March 4th 1988, peacefully at her home, Sylvia Dina Hammond, aged 81 years, of Billesdon Lane and formerly of Kirby Muxloe. Wife of the late Phillip J. Hammond and mother of John and Simon. Funeral Service at Billesdon Parish Church on Friday March 11th at 2.30pm. Cremation following at Leicester Crematorium. No flowers please, but donations if desired for the British Red Cross Society C/O Ginns & Gutteridge Ltd. Funeral Directors of Leicester. Tel: 0533-516117

HARGREAVES - On Thursday March 3rd, 1988, Paul, highly regarded Group Director of N.M. Schroder Financial Management Ltd. He will be sadly missed. Deepest sympathy to his family. From the Chairman, Directors, and staff.

HASSALL - On Sunday March 6th, peacefully in Airedale Hospital, Joan, O.B.E., R.E., aged 82 years, of Malham, Skipton, North Yorkshire. Funeral service at Kirkby Malham Church on Thursday March 10th at 2 pm, followed by cremation at Keighley (Oakworth) Crematorium at 3.30 pm. Family flowers only. Further particulars from Howcroft Funeral Services, Duckett Street, Skipton, North Yorkshire BD23 2EJ tel. 0756 2173.

HENDERSON - On February 28th 1988, peacefully in hospital after a short illness, Brigadier James Lorains O.B.E., Legion of Merit (America) M.A. (Cantab) late Royal Signals, aged 90 years; loving husband of Celia. Private funeral has taken place.

KINTON - On March 7th 1988, Robert James, C.B.E., husband of Isabel Susan (née Hosegood) and father of Valerie, Ruth, Paul and Nigel, and grandad of his ten grandchildren. Service at Golders Green Crematorium (West Chapel) at 3pm on Friday March 11th. No flowers please, but if desired, donations "In Memory of RJK" c/o Rukba, 6 Avonmore Road, London W14 8RL.

MARSH - On March 6th at St Bridge House Nursing Home, Twyford, after a long illness, Christopher Marriage Marsh OBE, beloved husband of Joan Priscilla and much loved by his first wife, Mary Gwynedd, their children John, Michael, David, Pamela and the late Patrick and their families. Funeral service at Waltham, St Lawrence Parish Church on Tuesday March 15th at 11.30 am.

McGILL - On March 6th, 1988, peacefully in hospital, The Reverend Donald Hugh, of Victoria Terrace, Beaumaris, Gwynedd, loved and loving husband of Mair, father of Elizabeth, David and Hugh, and grandfather of Roger, Jennifer, Susannah and Julia, Evan and Trevor. Funeral service at St Mary's and Nicholas Church, Beaumaris on Thursday March 10th at 10.30 am, followed by private cremation. No flowers.

MONCKTON - On March 7th, 1988, peacefully in hospital, Marmaduke, in his 89th year, of Neville Court, and formerly of Compayne Gardens, NW6, only brother of Mary Barker. Funeral private. No flowers please. Enquiries to R.P. Sherry & Son, 01 723 0426.

O'BRADY - On March 7th, Dr Richard Carew (Wing Commander RAF retired), of 247 Clifton Drive South, St. Anne's-on-Sea, beloved husband of the late Ephanie and dear father and grandfather. Service and cremation on Monday 14th March 1988 at Lytham, St. Anne's Crematorium at 11.30am. Family flowers only, donations for British Heart Foundation to G. Lovell, 5 Lansdowne Place, Blackpool, FY1 1SB. Enquiries J. W. Docking & Son 0253 20805.

PARKER - On March 8th, at Chalybeate Hospital, Southampton, Anne, widow of Leonard Parker, much loved by her daughter Sally, family & friends. Funeral Service at Holy Trinity Church, Cowes at 12 noon on Friday 11th March. Followed by Private Cremation. Family flowers only please, donations to King George's Fund for Sailor's, 1 Chesham St, London SW1X 8NF.

REEVES - On March 7th 1988, peacefully at home, Kay (née Cock), widow of Lt. Col. Ivor Reeves. Thanksgiving service at St Mary's Church, Batsford, Moreton in Marsh, Glos. on Saturday March 12th 1988 at 2pm. She will be greatly missed. Flowers to Allen & Son, High Street, Moreton in Marsh. Any donations to Disabled Home Centre, Newmarket.

ROGERS - On March 6th 1988, quietly in Edinburgh, Nancy Sophie Margaret, beloved mother of Jill and Jeremy and grandmother of James, Bruce, Malcolm, Barbara, Judy and Caroline. Donations if desired to The Alzheimers Disease Society, Bank Buildings, Fulham Broadway, London SW6 1EP.

RUGG-GUNN - On March 7th 1988, peacefully in Gloucester Royal Hospital, after a short illness, in his 80th year, Doctor Mark Andrew Rugg-Gunn MA, MD, FRCP, Surgeon Captain RN retired. Beloved husband of Pat and much loved father to Bridget, Andrew, Michael, Naomi and Hilary. Funeral service at St Mary Magdalene Church, Twyning, near Tewkesbury, Gloucester on Friday March 11th, 1988 at 2.30pm. Family flowers only. Donations, if desired, to Secretary, Intensive Care Unit Charity, Gloucester Royal Hospital GL1 3NN.

SEMPLE - On March 8th 1988, peacefully, Robert Semple M.D., F.R.C.P., of St. Johnswood Terrace, West Park Road, Dundee, a beloved husband, father and grandfather. Funeral service at Dundee Crematorium on Thursday March 10th at 1.00pm to which all friends are invited.

SMYLY - On March 6th, peacefully, Faith (née Sims Williams), very dear wife of the late Ferguson Smyly, beloved mother and grandmother. Funeral at Windlesham Parish Church on Friday March 11th at noon. No flowers please but if desired donations to The Children's Society.

WEST - On March 6th, 1988, at Westwood Home, Northampton, Patricia Ethel (Née Lucas), beloved daughter of Ethel and Arthur. Funeral service, at St Mary's Church, Boxted, on Monday 14th March at 3.00pm.

MEMORIAL SERVICES

CLARK - A service of Thanksgiving for the life of Captain Alan Clark, Grenadier Guards, will be held at 12 noon on March 23rd at the Guards Chapel Wellington Barracks.

HUNT - A memorial service for Doctor, The Lord Hunt of Fawley will be held at All Souls Church, Langham Place, W1 at 1pm on Wednesday March 16th.

SUMNER - A Service of Thanksgiving for the life of Edward Sumner, OBE, will be held at The Church of St. Bartholomew The Great, West Smithfield, London EC1, on Wednesday March 16th at 11.30 am.

IN MEMORIAM - PRIVATE

SENTA MARKHAM - Dulces fecit modos, et orravit tempora usque ad consummationem vitae.

STONOR - Sherman, March 9th, 1976, 6th Baron Camoys, aged 62. Beloved, brave and noble Papa of Julia Stonor. R.I.P.

STONOR - Dom Julian, O.S.B., February 12th, 1963, aged 53. Beloved cousin of and inspiration to Julia, Alexander, Frances. R.I.P. "Once to every man and nation, Comes the moment to decide, In the strife of truth with falsehood, For the good or evil side."

Archaeology

Europe's old inhabitant may date back 400,000 years

By Norman Hammond, Archaeology Correspondent

One of Europe's oldest inhabitants is even older than had been thought.

New dating evidence from the Bilzingsleben site in East Germany suggests that remains of a human skull found there may date to more than 400,000 years ago.

The skull was found in an interglacial deposit on the edge of an extinct lake, in what is now the valley of the river Wipper, near Halle.

Stone tools of lower palaeolithic date, more than 120,000 years old, were also found.

The human remains were initially attributed to *Homo erectus*, an ancestor of modern man who originated in Africa at least 1.6 million years ago and subsequently spread throughout southern Asia and Europe. More recently, however, the Bilzingsleben skull has been placed early in the emergence of our own species, *Homo sapiens*, by Dr Chris Stringer of the Natural History Museum in London.

Several specimens of archaic *Homo sapiens* have been dated in recent years, including the Swanscombe skull from Kent, and all have been placed around a quarter of a million years ago.

The Bilzingsleben skull has now been redated by two methods: uranium series analyses of the travertine layers surrounding the archaeological deposit, and electron-spin resonance (ESR) analyses of travertine and the enamel of teeth from the deposit itself.

Uranium-series dating is based on the radioactive decay of Uranium 238 to Uranium-234, and U-234 to Thorium-230, which occurs at a known rate and which can be applied to waterlaid rocks such as travetine up to 350,000 years old. ESR measures the amount of radiation absorbed by the sample, which comes from diffusion into the material of uranium and the subsequent decay of short-lived "daughter" products of the uranium isotopes.

There has been some dispute as to whether the uranium content measured by ESR comes from rapid absorption soon after burial, known as early uptake, or from constant acquisition from burial onwards (linear uptake). Dates obtained on the former model may be only half as old as those based on linear uptake, and the latter tends to agree better with ages determined by other methods.

Application of these methods to the Bilzingsleben travertines showed that the rocks were at or beyond the upper limit of dating by the Thorium/Uranium ratio, 350,000 years, while the Uranium 234/238 ratio suggested an upper limit of 440,000 plus or minus 130,000 years. These dates are significantly older than those obtained by two previous studies of the site.

The ESR dates agree with the new estimates: those based on an early-uptake model give an average date of 282,000 plus or minus 31,000 years, and the linear-uptake model an average of 414,000 plus or minus 45,000 years, both on thirteen measurements on tooth fragments. Two measurements on travertine by ESR gave 374,000 and 424,000 years ago.

Since the early-uptake model gives a lower limit of age, the skull is more than 280,000 years old and less than 414,000 years old, and this earlier dating helps to solve a problem: human remains from the site of Ehringsdorf, also in East Germany, were apparently of the same age as Bilzingsleben, but the human type was much more advanced and like Neanderthal man, the now-extinct close relative of modern humans.

ESR dates were obtained for the Ehringsdorf site also, and ranged from 115,000 to 200,000 years ago. The two sites are thus separated by one or two glacial cycles and anything from 80,000 to nearly 300,000 years.

Source: *Archaeometry* Vol. 30, 5-17.

PERSONAL COLUMNS

ANNOUNCEMENTS

CRUMP nee McKINNEY, ANNIE CRUMP otherwise ANNE CRUMP nee McKINNEY, Widow late of 249 Widney Road, Bentley Heath, Solihull, West Midlands, died on arrival at Worcester Royal Infirmary, on 26th May 1986. (Estate about £34,000)

ESCOTT, ARTHUR STANLEY ESCOTT late of 15 Corsica Street, Highbury, London N5, died in Islington, on the 11th August 1986. (Estate about £35,700)

WARD, HERBERT HENRY WARD late of 136 New Road, Ascot, Berkshire, died at Ascot, on 9th May 1987. (Estate about £78,000)

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The Insolvency Rules 1986
Rule 4.106(1)
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High Court No. 003836 of 1987
Notice is hereby given that I Melvyn Lawrence Rose, of Messrs Elliot, Woolfe, & Rose, Chartered Accountants, Lidgra House, 250 Kingsbury Road, London NW9 0BS was appointed Liquidator of the above Company on 12th January 1988.
Melvyn L. Rose, F.C.A. F.C.C.A.
LIQUIDATOR

IN THE MATTER OF GORDON NORTH (BUILDERS) LIMITED
AND
IN THE MATTER OF THE INSOLVENCY ACT 1986
NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that the creditors of the above-named Company, which is being voluntarily wound up, are required, on or before the 22 March 1988, to send in their full Christian and surnames, their addresses and descriptions, full particulars of their debts or claims, and the names and addresses of their Solicitors (if any), to the undersigned Malcolm J. London, F.C.A., of Cork Gully, Shelley House, 3 Noble Street, London EC2V 7DQ the Joint Liquidator of the said Company, And, if so required by notice in writing from the said Liquidator, are, personally or by their Solicitors, to come in and prove their debts or claims at such time and place as shall be specified in such notice, or in default thereof they will be excluded from the benefit of any distribution made before such debts are proved.
23 February 1988
Malcolm J. London
Joint Liquidator

THE INSOLVENCY ACT 1986
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By Order of the Board
Antony Abiamiades, Director
1 March 1988

APPOINTMENT OF LIQUIDATORS
Company number: 1818481. Name of company: Gordon North (Builders) Limited. Previous names of company: Hainay Limited. Nature of business: Building Contractors. Address of registered office: 1 Surrey Street, London WC2R 2NT. Liquidators names and address: Ian Peter Phillips, Arthur Andersen & Co., 1 Surrey Street, London WC2R 2NT, Malcolm John London, Cork Gully, Shelley House, 3 Noble Street, London EC2V 7DQ. Date of appointment: 17 February 1988. By whom appointed: Creditors.
Ian Peter Phillips - Malcolm John London
Joint Liquidators
Date: 23 February 1988
Attested by: Richard Taylor
Chartered Accountant

THE INSOLVENCY ACT 1986
IN THE HIGH COURT OF JUSTICE
IN BANKRUPTCY
NUMBER 2806 of 1987
RE: HARRY GORDON OFEI KWATIA a solicitor of 23 Kings Avenue, Carshalton Beeches, Surrey and practising at 1st, 2nd and 3rd Floors, 207 Victoria Street, London SW1, lately carrying on business in partnership with another as Harry Kwatia & Co.
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John P Richards
TRUSTEE

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-AND-
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(4) any creditor of the said Company may at any time within the 5 weeks immediately following the date of the said resolution for payment out of capital apply to the Court under section 176 of the said Act for an order prohibiting the payment.
Dated this 9th day of March 1988
Carter Faber
10 Arthur Street
London EC4R 9AY
Solicitors for the above-named Company

NOTICE OF APPOINTMENT OF LIQUIDATOR
Name of company: Channel Limited. Number of Company: 415407. Full name of liquidators appointed: DIPANKAR MOHAN GHOSH AND COLIN GRAHAM BIRD. Address of liquidators: No.1 London Bridge, London SE1 9QL. Appointed by: The High Court. Date of appointment: 29 February 1988.
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BOOKING KEY
☆ Seats available
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FILMS

■ Also on national release
☎ Advance booking possible

■ **ANGEL HEART (18):** Mickey Rourke's down-at-heel detective pursues a missing person to the voodoo underworld of New Orleans. Pulp stuff, directed by Alan Parker in slam-bang style (113 min).
Cannon Piccadilly (01-437 3561). Progs 1.10, 3.15, 5.45, 8.15.

CRY FREEDOM (PG): Richard Attenborough's bumper bundle of exciting spectacle and liberal sentiments; with Kevin Kline as journalist Donald Woods, drawn into the case of South African activist Steve Biko (Denzel Washington) (158 min).
Empire Leicester Square (01-200 0200). Progs 2.00, 5.40, 8.40.
☎ **Cannon Fulham Road** (01-370 2636). Progs 1.25, 5.00, 8.30.

■ **JEAN DE FLORETTE (PG):** Absorbing, beautifully acted version of Marcel Pagnol's novel about Provençal life in the 1920s; with Yves Montand, Daniel Auteuil and Gérard Depardieu. Claude Berri directs (121 min).
Cannon Chelsea (01-352 5096). Progs 2.00, 5.25, 8.10.
Cannon Première (01-439 4470). Progs 2.20, 4.40, 7.10, 9.35.
Cannon Tottenham Court Road (01-636 6148). Progs 2.45, 5.25, 8.05.

■ **THE LOST BOYS (15):** Adolescent vampire teenagers. The young cast includes Jason Patric, Corey Haim and Jami Gertz; Joel Schumacher directs (97 min).
☎ **Warner West End** (01-439 0791). Progs 6.25, 8.40.

MANON DES SOURCES (PG): Ten years after the death of Jean de Florette, his 18-year-old daughter still haunts the hills overlooking the farm stolen from her father by Soubeyran, played by Yves Montand (120 min).
Curzon Mayfair (01-499 3737). Progs 1.15, 3.30, 6.00, 8.30.

■ **NO WAY OUT (15):** Polished version of a *film noir* classic, *The Big Clock*, with a new Pentagon setting and a few extra twists. Gene Hackman plays the Defence Secretary with a crime to cover up; Kevin Costner is the luckless investigator. Roger Donaldson directs (114 min).
Cannon Chelsea (01-352 5096). Progs 2.00, 5.45, 8.25.
Cannon Edgware Road (01-723 5901). Progs 2.45, 5.30, 8.20.
Cannon Panton Street (01-930 0631). Progs 2.15, 4.45, 7.15, 9.45. (D)
Notting Hill Coronet (01-727 6705). Progs 3.30, 6.00, 8.30.
☎ **Odeon Kensington** (01-602 5644). Progs 12.40, 3.10, 5.45, 8.25.
Odeon Swiss Cottage (01-722 5905). Progs 1.25, 3.45, 6.05, 8.30. (D)

■ **ROXANNE (PG):** *Cyrano de Bergerac* reworked by and for Steve Martin, as a fire chief whose nose seems to prevent true love (107 min).
Cannon Oxford Street (01-636 0310). Progs 6.10, 8.20.

■ **TEENWOLF TOO (PG):** Limp sequel to Michael J. Fox's starring vehicle of 1985, with Jason Bateman as a fellow campus student with werewolf tendencies. Christopher Leitch directs. With Kim Darby and John Astin (94 min).
Cannon Oxford Street (01-636 0310). Progs 1.45, 3.55.
Cannon Panton Street (01-930 0631). Progs 2.45, 5.05, 7.30, 9.50. (D)

WITHNAIL AND I (15): Knockabout British comedy about two out-of-work British actors trying to maintain sanity at the end of the Sixties. Written and directed by Bruce Robinson; with Paul McGann and Richard E. Grant (107 min).
☎ **Odeon Haymarket** (01-930 2738). Progs 1.00, 3.30, 6.00, 8.45.

WORD-WATCHING

Answers from page 22

BRANDIS
(a) Cornish dialect for a tripod, possibly derived from "to brand" and branding: "Where's the *brandis* to? I want to bile the kettle."

CURSUS HONORUM
(a) The sequence of honours (jobs for the boys): i.e. the prescribed succession of elected and appointed positions that marked the progress of the political career of a Roman patrician, i.e. of the ruling class.

STRIPPERS
(b) High cards cut wedge-shape, a little wider than the rest of the pack, so as to be easily drawn by magicians or card sharps in a crooked game. That is why you should never play poker.

MERDAILLON
(b) Coarse French slang for a pretentious and bombastic person, and also for an evil brat or preposterous child, I take it to come from *merde*.

THEATRE

LONDON

☆ **BACK WITH A VENGEANCE:** Dame Edna Everage back again joshing the possums.
Strand Theatre, Aldwych, WC2 (01-836 2660). Tube: Charing Cross. Mon-Fri 7.30-10.30pm, Sat 8-11pm, mat Sat 2.30-5.30pm, £6.50-£17.50. (D)

☆ **BLACK HEROES IN THE HALL OF FAME:** Episodic veneration of famous blacks returns for eight performances.
Astoria Theatre, 157 Charing Cross Road WC2 (01-434 0403). Tube: Tottenham Court Road. Wed-Tues 7.30-10.30pm, except Sun; 2-5pm, and 7-10pm, £8-£10.

☆ **HAPGOOD:** New Tom Stoppard play; spies, physics and misunderstandings; with Nigel Hawthorne, Roger Rees, Felicity Kendal and Iain Glen.
Aldwych Theatre: Aldwych WC2 901-836 6404). Tube: Covent Garden. Mon-Fri 7.30-10.30pm, Sat 8-11pm, mats Wed 2.30-5.30 and Sat 4-7pm, £5-£14.50.

☆ **LETTICE AND LOVAGE:** *Maggie Smith and Margaret Tyzack* waging eccentric war against the modern world in Peter Shaffer's new comedy.
Globe Theatre, Shaftesbury Avenue, W1 (01-437 3667). Tube: Piccadilly Circus. Mon-Sat, 7.45-10.15pm, mat Sat 3-5.30pm, £7.50-£14.50. (D)

☆ **THE MIRACLE WORKER:** See caption.
Westminster Theatre, Palace Street SW1 (01-834 0283). Tube: Victoria. Tues-Sat 7.45-10.15pm, mats Wed and Thurs 2.30-5pm, and Sat 3-5.30pm, £5.50-£12.50. (D)

☆ **ONE FLEW OVER THE CUCKOO'S NEST:** New Vic Theatre Company under Robin Midgley touring with the celebrated play of the film of the book. Rebellion, pathos and comic mayhem in a US asylum.
Wimbledon Theatre, The Broadway, London SW19 (01-540 0362). Tube: Wimbledon. Mon-Sat 7.30pm, mat Thurs 2.30pm, £4-£6.50. (D)
● *Exclusive offer: Two tickets for the price of one for tonight's performance on presentation of this copy of* The Times *Information Service.*

☆ **THE RINK:** Kander and Ebb musical set in a roller-skating rink with Josephine Blake and Diane Langton as mother and daughter at odds about its future.
Cambridge Theatre, Earlham Street WC2 (01-379 5299). Tube: Covent Garden. Mon-Fri 7.45-10.10pm, Sat 8.15-10.40pm, mat Sat 4.30-6.55pm, £8-£19.50.

☆ **SOUTH PACIFIC:** Gemma Craven and Emile Belcourt in magnificently staged revival.
Prince of Wales Theatre, Coventry Street, W1 (01-839 5989). Tube: Piccadilly Circus. Mon-Sat 7.30pm, mats Wed and Sat 2.30pm, £8.50-£20.

☆ **YOU NEVER CAN TELL:** Toby Robertson's starry Shaw, with Michael Hordern, Irene Worth and Michael Denison.
Haymarket Theatre, Haymarket, SW1 (01-930 9832). Tube: Piccadilly Circus. Mon-Sat 7.30-10.30pm, mats Wed and Sat 3-5pm, £7.50-£14.50.

LONG RUNNERS: ☆ **Beyond Reasonable Doubt:** Queens Theatre (01-734 1166)... ☆ **The Business of Murder:** Mayfair Theatre (01-629 3036)... ☆ **Cats:** New London Theatre (01-405 0072, cc 01-404 4079)... ☆ **Chess:** Prince Edward Theatre (01-734 8951)... ★ **Follies:** Shaftesbury Theatre (01-379 5399)... ☆ **42nd Street:** Drury Lane Theatre (01-836 8108/9/0)... ☆ **Kiss Me Kate:** Savoy Theatre (01-836 8888)... ☆ **Les Liaisons Dangereuses:** Ambassadors Theatre (01-836 6111, cc 01-836 1171)... ☆ **Me and My Girl:** Adelphi Theatre (01-240 7913/4)... ★ **Les Misérables:** Palace Theatre (01-434 0909)... ☆ **The Mousetrap:** St Martin's Theatre (01-836 1443)... ★ **Phantom of the Opera:** Her Majesty's Theatre (01-839 2244)... ☆ **Run For Your Wife:** Criterion Theatre (01-930 3216)... ☆ **Serious Money:** Wyndhams Theatre (01-836 3028)... ☆ **Starlight Express:** Apollo Victoria (01-828 8665)... ☆ **And Then There Were None:** Duke of York's Theatre (01-836 5122).

OUT OF TOWN

DERBY: ☆ **A Doll's House:** New production by Annie Castledine, with Barbara Peirson slamming the door as Nora.
Playhouse, Eagle Centre (0332 363275), Mon-Thurs 7.30pm, Fri and Sat 8pm, £3.50-£5.50.

SHEFFIELD: ☆ **The Cherry Orchard:** Anna Carteret sighs for the cherry blossom in Chekhov's masterpiece.
Crucible Theatre, Norfolk Street (0742 769922), Mon-Fri 7.30, Sat 8pm, £4-£6. (D)

The Byre Theatre production of *The Miracle Worker* opens at the Westminster Theatre tonight with Hildegard Neil (above) as Annie Sullivan, the woman who taught the blind, young, ungovernable Helen Keller to communicate. Neil's roles on stage and film include Helen of Troy for the RSC and co-staring with George Segal and Glenda Jackson in *A Touch of Class*, while her television appearances range between Tolstoy and *The Kelly Monteith Show*. (See listing)

CONCERTS

LUNCHTIME

☆ **LECOSALDI LUNCH:** The versatile Lecosaldi Ensemble now turns to Crato Bütner (1616-1679), performing his Fürwahr, er trug unsere Krankheit! Cantata for bass, two violins and a continuo. Peter Lea-Cox conducts.
St Anne and St Agnes's, Gresham Street, London EC2 (10-383-5566), 1.10-1.50pm, free.

☆ **KERRY CONCERT:** The organist Nigel Kerry plays the Allegro from Arne's Concerto No 1, an Adagio by Bennett, a Voluntary by Walond, the Andante from Stanley's Concerto No 4 and an anonymous Concerto in D (C 1750).
St Martin-within-Ludgate, Ludgate Hill, London, EC4 (01-248-6054), 1.15-1.45pm, free.

EVENING

☆ **KEYS CONCERT:** In the "New Generation" series of organ recitals John Keys offers a Chaconne by Buxtehude, Alain's Trois Danses, Vierne's Naïades and a Passacaglia and Fugue by Bach.
Royal Festival Hall, South Bank, London SE1 (01-928-3191, cc 01-928-8800), 5.55-6.55pm, £4.50. (D)

☆ **ALL TROMBONES:** The London Trombone Chorale juxtaposes Four Pieces for Four Tombones by Defaye, Gal's Suite for Four Trombones, Samuel's Variations and Debussy's Trois Chansons arranged for four trombones.
Purcell Room, South Bank, London SE1 (01-928-3191, cc 01-928-8800), 6pm, £2.50-£4.50. (D)

☆ **SPANISH SONG:** The distinguished soprano Victoria de los Angeles appears in a programme of Spanish songs, accompanied by Geoffrey Parsons.
Wigmore Hall, 36 Wigmore Street, London W1 (01-935-2141), 7.30pm, £5-£12.

☆ **KRAEMER CONDUCTS:** The Royal Liverpool Philharmonic is conducted by Nicholas Kraemer in Bach's Suite No 4 and Oboe Concerto (Jonathan Small, soloist), Handel's Water Music and a Telemann Viola Concerto (soloist, Christopher Balmer).
Philharmonic Hall, Hope Street, Liverpool (051-709-3789), 7.30pm, £3-£8.40.

☆**NEELSEN/HILL:** Eva-Maria Neelsen, with Tomoko Ogasawara-Ranft at the piano, plays Franck's Violin Sonata arranged for cello, Schumann's Stücke im Volkston and Popper's Elfentanz. Also, Nigel Hill, a solo pianist, performs Beethoven's Sonata Op 54, Chopin's Scherzo No 4 and some Conert Studies by Kenneth Leighton.
Purcell Room, 7.30pm, £3-£5. (D)

☆ **KESS CONCERT:** Rhonda Kess makes her UK debut conducting the London City University Symphony Orchestra in Mendelssohn's Calm Sea and Prosperous Voyage Overture, Haim's Salute to Israel, Saxton's Ring of Eternity and the Symphonic Dances from Bernstein's *West Side Story*. In Milhaud's Cello Concarto the soloist will be the Bulgarian-born, Moscow-trained Stefan Popov.
St John's, Smith Square, London SW1 (01-222 1061), 7.30pm, £2.50-£5.

☆ **HARVEY'S ORISONS:** Under Jane Glover the London Mozart Players perform Jonathan Harvey's Easter Orisons, Joseph Haydn's Symphony No 80, Michael Haydn's Symphony P 21.
Queen Elizabeth Hall, South Bank, London SE1 (01-928-3191, cc 01-928-8800), 7.45pm, £4-£10. (D)

☆ **PART WORK:** The Hilliard Ensemble sing St John Passion by the exciting Estonian minimalist composer Arvo Pärt.
Brompton Oratory: Brompton Road, London SW7 (01-928-3191, cc 01-928-8800), 8pm, £5.

DANCE

☆ **"STILL LIFE" AT THE PENGUIN CAFÉ:** Première of David Bintley's creation for the Royal Ballet with the company's first performance of *Bugaku* and a revival of *Serenade*, both by Balanchine.
Royal Opera House, Covent Garden, London WC2 (01-240 1066), 7.30-9.45pm, £1-£30.

☆ **LETTERS:** Beppie Blankert's creation for Diversions Dance Company from Wales with other works from their repertoire
The Place, Dukes Road, London WC1 (01-387 0031), 8-10pm, £5.

Cathedrals in the artist's eye

According to R.B. Kitaj, Dennis Creffield's art is "one of England's closely guarded secrets". This endorsement is apparently not merely the loyal, isolated rhetoric of one senior artist supporting another. Art critic Peter Fuller, who is not known for casually dispensing praise, has called the works in Creffield's new exhibition: "One of the most significant achievements of English draughtsmanship, indeed of English art, since the last war, and perhaps since long before that." Last year Creffield was commissioned by the South Bank Centre to visit all 26 English medieval cathedrals and make drawings of them — illustrated left is Bristol Cathedral. Surprisingly, this is the first time that such a project has been undertaken — even Turner, an indefatigable cathedral painter, didn't get round all of them. Creffield must have seemed a perfect choice for this great task. In fact, it is a job he had dreamed of doing since he was aged 17 (1948) when he sat drawing, with David Bomberg as his teacher, in the cloisers of Westminster Abbey. The main tenet of Bomberg's teaching was that the artist convey what he termed "the spirit in the mass" — a principle which must have inspired Creffield when he had this country's finest religious architecture as his subject. *English Cathedrals: Drawings by Dennis Creffield* starts a two-year nationwide tour today at The Winchester Gallery, Park Avenue, Winchester (0962 842500), Mon to Thur 10am to 5pm, Fri 10am to 4.30pm, Sat 9am to 12noon, free, until April 6. *David Lee*

OPERA

☆ **ORPHEUS IN THE UNDERWORLD:** The Gerald Scarfe-designed production for English National Opera continues to kick its legs high in a robust vulgarization of Offenbach.
Coliseum, St Martin's Lane, London WC2 (01-836 3161), 7.30-10.30pm, £2-£21.50.

JAZZ

☆ **EBERHARD WEBER:** A solo perfomance by the German bass virtuoso, a regular fixture on the ECM label.
Zefferelli's, Compston Road, Ambleside (05394 33845), 8pm, £3.50.

☆ **STAN TRACEY/ALAN SKIDMORE:** Skidmore's tender version of *Creole Love Call* was one of the surprises of the recent Tracey big band performances at Ronnie Scott's.
Jazz Cafe, 56 Newington Green, London N16 (01-359 5936), 8.30pm, £2.

☆ **PAZ:** One of the most proficient of fusion bands, featuring reeds player Phil Todd.
Bull's Head, 373 Lonsdale Road, London SW13 (01-876 5241). 8.30pm, £3.50.

CLASSICAL TOP 20

1	(1)	The Pavarotti Collection	Luciano Pavarotti, *Stylus*
2	(2)	Vivaldi: Four Seasons	Virtuosi of England, *CFP*
3	(–)	Vivaldi: Four Seasons	Nishizaki, *Naxos*
4	(6)	The Collection	Placido Domingo, *Stylus*
5	(9)	100 Greatest Classics I	Various, *Trax Classique*
6	(–)	Bach: Brandenberg Concertos 1-3	Capella Istropolitana, *Naxos*
7	(3)	Tchaikovsky: 1812 Overture	Mackerras/LPO, *CFP*
8	(–)	Beethoven: Famous Piano Sonatas	Jando, *Naxos*
9	(–)	Mozart: Eine kleine Nachtmusik	Capella Istropolitana, *Naxos*
10	(–)	Portrait of Segovia	Andres Segovia, *Stylus*
11	(8)	Duets From Famous Operas	Various, *CFP*
12	(–)	Tchaikovsky: Swan Lake & Nutcracker	SLPO, *Naxos*
13	(5)	Elgar: Cello Concerto	Du Pré, *HMV*
14	(–)	Sibelius: Violin Concerto	Albert/SO, *Conifer*
15	(–)	Albinoni/Corelli/Vivaldi	Various, *DG Walkman*
16	(7)	Holst: The Planets	Rattle/PO, *Eminence*
17	(10)	100 Greatest Classics II	Various, Trax Classique
18	(–)	Holst: The Planets/ Elgar: Enigma	Various, *DG Walkman*
19	(18)	Vivaldi: Four Seasons	Maksymiuk/PCO, *Eminence*
20	(15)	Maria Callas Collection	Maria Callas, *Stylus*

Source: Music Week Research

☆ **GUEST STARS:** This is, alas, the farewell tour by the feminist fusion band. The LP *Live in Berlin* provides a vigorous epitaph.
Astoria Ballroom, Roundhay Road, Leeds (0532 490362), 8.30pm, £4.

ROCK

☆ **MEAT LOAF:** Poor Meat is currently without a recording contract, but remains a perennial attraction on the concert circuit.
Harrogate Conference Centre, Kings Road (0423 64433), 7.30pm, £8.50-£9.50.

☆ **THE MISSION:** Gothic rockers promoting a resoundingly impressive second album, *Children*.
Leeds University, Refectory, Liston Place, (0532 439071), 7.30pm, £6.

☆ **THE POGUES:** Celebrating the wonderful *If I Should Fall From Grace With God* album and single with their customary chaotic panache.
Sheffield City Hall, Barkers Pool (0742 735295), 7.30pm, £5.50-£6.50.

☆ **LUXURIA:** Howard Devoto, something of a cult hero when he was with Magazine, has teamed up with a guitarist called Noko and produced an LP of average charm, *Unanswerable Lust*.
Leicester Polytechnic Students' Union, 4 Newark Close (0533 555576), 8pm, £3.

GALLERIES

BRUCE LACEY: Paintings which celebrate nature by an ex-performance artist.
Birch & Conran Fine Art, 40 Dean Street, London W1 (01-434 1246), Mon-Fri 11am-6pm, free, until April 2.

INDIAN SCULPTURE: Some of the museum's extensive holdings go back on show in a refurbished, re-designed gallery.
Victoria & Albert Museum, Exhibition Road, London SW7 (01-938 8344), Mon-Sat 10am-5.50pm, Sun 2.30-5.50pm, free.

PHILIP DAVIES: *Recent figurative* paintings by the winner of the Royal Overseas League competition in 1986.
Christopher Hull Gallery, 17 Motcomb Street, London SW1 (01-235 0500), Mon-Fri 10am-6pm, Sat 10am-1pm, free, until April 9.

ROHAN HARRIS: Tiny, wall-mounted abstract objects in wood and papier mâché.
Knoedler Gallery, 22 Cork Street, London W1 (01-439 1096), Mon-Fri 10am-5.30pm, Sat 10am-1pm, free, until April 9.

FROM INSIDE OUT: Feminist sculpture by Françoise Dupré, Roxane Permar and Anne Tappenden.
Bedford Hill Gallery, 50 Bedford Hill, London SW12 (01-675 5446), Mon-Fri 1-7pm, Sat 10am-7pm, free, until March 26.

BARBARA ROBINSON: Recent paintings.
Gallery 10, 10 Grosvenor Street, London W1 (01-491 8103), Mon-Fri 10am-5.30pm, Sat 10am-1pm, free, until March 31.

GEORGE BULLOCK (1782-1818): An exhibition about a cabinet-maker and designer who was one of the leading stylists of Regency.
Sudley Art Gallery, Mossley Hill Road, Liverpool (051-645 7888), Mon-Sat 10am-5pm, Sun 2-5pm, free, until March 27.

BRITISH RELIEF WOODCARVING: Works by 18 contemporary artists including Les Grandjean and Christine Kowal-Post.
Drumcroon Arts Centre, 2 Parson's Walk, Wigan (0942-321840), Mon-Fri 9am-5pm, Sat 10am-1pm, free, until March 26.

EDOUARD VUILLARD (1868-1940): A rare opportunity to see paintings, pastels, watercolours and drawings by a leading French artist.
JPL Fine Arts, 26 Davies Street, London W1 (01-493 2630), Mon-Fri 10am-5.30pm, free, until April 15.

DAVID BOMBERG (1890-1957): Paintings, watercolours and drawings by a previously neglected figure of this century's British art.
Bernard Jacobson Gallery, 2A Cork Street, London W1 (01-439 8355), Mon-Fri 10am-6pm, Sat 10am-1pm, free, until March 30.

TALKS

OLD PAINTING: Giles Waterfield on the role of painting the Georgian interior.
The Georgian Group, Linnean Society Room, Burlington House, Piccadilly, London W1, 6pm, £2.50.

WOMEN'S WORK: Jane Sellas on the works of women at the Walker Art Gallery, Liverpool.
The National Gallery, Lower Floor Theatre, Trafalgar Square, London WC2 (01-839 3321), 1pm, free.

UNIVERSITY CHEMISTRY LECTURE: Dr A. Kirby, Cambridge University, on stereoelectronic effects on bond lengths and reactivity.
University of Leicester, Chemistry Department, Leicester, 2pm, free.

THE SPIRIT IN THE MASS: Lecture by Richard Cork on the life and work of David Bomberg.
Tate Gallery, Millbank, London SW1 (01-821 1313), 1pm, free.

WALKS

A JOURNEY THROUGH DICKENS'S LONDON: Meet Embankment tube, 11am, £2.25.

LEGAL LONDON — INSIDE THE LAW COURTS: Meet Holborn tube, 2pm, £2.25.

LIFE IN MEDIEVAL LONDON: Meet Museum of London, 2.30pm, £3.

FAMOUS SHERLOCK HOLMES DETECTIVE TRAIL: Meet Baker Street tube, 7.30pm, £2.50 (also Mar 28).

OTHER EVENTS

TATTON PARK ANTIQUES FAIR: Forty leading British dealers will attend this bi-annual five-day fair in the Tenant's Hall, opening today. Furniture, clocks, porcelain, silver, fine art, antique maps and prints and rare oriental rugs. Exhibits vetted by Sotheby's. Most exhibits to pre-1865, except procelain, silver, bronzes (pre-1885), jewellery (pre-1914), oil and watercolours (pre-1920).
Tatton Park, Knutsford, Cheshire, (0565-54822), today 2-9pm, tomorrow, Fri 11am-9pm, Sat 11am-6pm, Sun 11am-5pm. Adult £2.50, accompanied child free.

AUSTRALIA 200: Mainly photographic exhibition which contrasts contemporary images of Australia with an amzing collection of aboriginal artefacts loaned from the James Cook museum.
Main Library, Stockton Road, Durham, 9am-10pm, free, until Sat.

KANGAROOS AND COLONISTS: This second Durham exhibition includes original 17th-century atlases charting the shadowy anticipation of the great southern continent plus contemporary accounts, manuscripts and illustrations which outline its subsequent history.
Palace Green Library, Durham, today until Fri 9am-5pm, Sat 9am-12.30pm, free, until Sat.

FROM ESKIMO TO INUIT: Five days left in which to see this exhibition which examines the changing art of Arctic Canada and includes unusual sculptures made from the scarce natural resources of the tundra.
York City Art Gallery, Exhibition Square, York (0904-623839), weekdays 10am-5pm, Sun 2.30-5pm, free, until Sun.

BOOKINGS

FIRST CHANCE

WIGMORE HALL: Booking for April concerts includes performances by Vienna-Berlin Ensemble, Eder String Quartet of Budapest, and further concerts in following series: International Chamber Music, Paris 1860-1930, London Pianoforte, Early Music and Baroque, Song Recital, and Sunday Morning Coffee Concerts.
Wigmore Hall, 36 Wigmore Street, London W1 (01-935 2141).

PETER BROOK: Peter Brook talks about his work to coincide with publication of his new book, *The Shifting Point: 40 years of Theatrical Exploration*. Starts April 26, 6pm.
National Theatre, South Bank, London SE1 (01-928 2252).

LAST CHANCE

I CAN PAINT: Exhibition of 300 winning paintings by disabled young people on countrywide tour. Ends at Waterloo station Sunday.
Waterloo Station, South Bank, London SE1.

MUSIC IN SPAIN: Panorama of musical life in Spain from Mozarabic chant to contemporary composers and musicians. Ends today.
Barbican, Silk Street, London EC2 (01-638 4141).

MEMORY AND IMAGINATION: Large survey of international contemporary painting by artists exploring classical themes.
Maclaurin Art Gallery, Monument Road, Alloway, Ayr (0292 43708). Ends Sat.

Theatre: Jeremy Kingston; Films: Geoff Brown; Concerts: Max Harrison; Opera: Hilary Finch; Rock: David Sinclair; Jazz: Clive Davis; Dance: John Percival; Galleries: David Lee; Walks and Talks: Greta Carslaw; Other Events: Judy Froshaug; Bookings: Anne Whitehouse.

ENTERTAINMENTS

CONCERTS

FAIRFIELD HALLS 01 688 9291 ROYAL PHILHARMONIC ORCHESTRA Ton't 8.00 Sir Charles Groves Melanie Armistead (soprano) Tasmin Little (violin)

QUEEN ELIZABETH HALL 01-928 3191 CC (928 8800) Tomorrow 7.45 pm LONDON MOZART PLAYERS. Jane Glover, Stephen Hough. Michael Haydn Symphony p 21: Mozart: Piano Concerto in A K488: Jonathan Harvey: Easter Orisons: Haydn Symphony No 80.

OPERA & BALLET

COLISEUM S 836 3161 CC 240 5258. ENGLISH NATIONAL OPERA. Ton't 7.30 Orpheus in the Underworld. Tomor 7.30 Cavalleria Rusticana/ Pagliacci.

ROYAL OPERA HOUSE 240 1066 / 1911. Stdby info 836 6903. S CC 65 amphi seats avail on the day. Ton't. Tomor 7.30 THE ROYAL BALLET Serenade /Bugaku/ "Still Life" at the Penguin Cafe. Ballet casting info 240 9815.

SADLER'S WELLS 278 8916 First Call CC 24 hr 7 day 240 7200. Until 19 Mar Eves 7.30. Sat mat 2.30 New Sadler's Wells Opera present Noel Coward's BITTER SWEET.

THEATRES

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THE LAMBETH WALK MUSICAL
Nightly at 7.30 Mats Wed at 2.30 & Sat 4.30 & 8.00 "THE HAPPIEST SHOW IN TOWN" S Express

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"Inspired and lunatic" Sheridan Morley Punch
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FELICITY KENDAL NIGEL HAWTHORNE ROGER REES in
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A new play by TOM STOPPARD Directed by PETER WOOD

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ROSEMARY HARRIS RAY McANALLY
THE BEST OF FRIENDS
by HUGH WHITEMORE
Directed by James Roose-Evans Tues to Sat 8pm. Sat mat 3pm
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STARLIGHT EXPRESS
Music by ANDREW LLOYD WEBBER
Lyrics by RICHARD STILGOE
Directed by TREVOR NUNN
SOME SEATS AVAIL THIS WEEK OAP's £5 on Tues mats NOW BOOKING TO SEPT

BARBICAN THEATRE 01 638 8891 cc (Mon-Sun 10am-8pm) ROYAL SHAKESPEARE COMPANY
'A TRIUMPHANT SEASON' F.Times
THE JEW OF MALTA by Christopher Marlowe 'Hilarious' S.Tel. Red. price previews 17-23 Mar.
TWELFTH NIGHT by William Shakespeare 'Outstanding' Plays and Players Red. Price previews 31 Mar-8 April. THE MERCHANT OF VENICE from 21 April, JULIUS CAESAR from 9 June.
THE PIT Tickets avail for FASHION by Doug Lucie from 9 June and TEMPTATION by Vaclav Havel from 20 April.

CAMBRIDGE Box Office & CC 379 5299 741 9999 First Call 240 7200 (bkg fee) 379 4444 Group Sales 930 6123 "RINK OF SUCCESS" Time Out
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THE RINK
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Times. Mon-Fri 7.45 Mat Thurs 3.0 Sat 4.30 & 8.15 LAST TWO WEEKS!

COMEDY THEATRE 01-930 2578 VANESSA REDGRAVE TIMOTHY DALTON in Eugene O'Neill's
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Directed by David Thacker "A magnificent revival... completely acted...it is quite simply enthralling" Guardian "The greatest dramatic evening in town" Intl Herald Tribune Previews Tonight 7.30 Opens Tomorrow 6.30 Evgs 7.30 Mats Sat 2.30.
First call 24hr 7 day credit card bookings 01-240 7200. Open All Hours 01-379 4444 CCTB 01-741 9999 (Bkg fee).

COTTESLOE National Theatre 928 2252 Ton't 7.30, Tomor 2.30 & 7.30 ENTERTAINING STRANGERS by David Edgar (promenade perfs) Ton't 6.00 DEOR by Robert Clare 45 min platform perf. All tkts £2.00.

CRITERION S 930 3216 CC 379 6565/ 379 4444/741 9999. Groups 836 3962. Eves 8, Thur mat 2.30, Sat 5.30 & 8.30 "BRITISH FARCE AT ITS BEST" D Mail
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THE ULTIMATE EXPERIENCE
THE PORTRAYAL OF 'AKASH' BY
LAURENCE OLIVIER
Mon-Fri 7.30 Sat 4 & 8.15 SPECIAL CONCESSIONS at £7 all perfs except Fri & Sat eves for OAP's, UB40's, students & under 16's avail from 3pm (Sat from 12 noon) NOW BOOKING TO OCT

DONMAR WAREHOUSE 240 8230 CC 379 6565/4444. Tricycle Theatre's TRINIDAD SISTERS by MUSTAPHA MATURA, after Chekov. "Potent-throat catching magic" Std. "Fresh funny & intriguing" FT. Eves 8pm Sat Mat 4pm.

DUKE OF YORKS 836 5122 cc 836 9837/379 4444/240 7200/ 741 9999 Groups 930 6123
AGATHA CHRISTIE'S
AND THEN THERE WERE NONE
"QUITE IRRESISTIBLE" D Mir "TRUE COMEDY THRILLER" LBC. Eves 8 Mats Thu 3 Sat 5

DRURY LANE THEATRE ROYAL Box Office & CC 01-836 8108. 01-240 9066/7. Open All Hours 01 379 4444 (no bkg fee) First Call 24hr 7 day cc bkgs on 01 240 7200 (no bkg fee).
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Evgs 8.0 Mats Wed 3.0, Sat 5.0 & 8.30. Reduced price mat Weds. Students and OAP's standby. Group Sales 930 6123 4TH GREAT YEAR

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DINSDALE LANDEN
HILARY TINDALL and JEREMY BULLOCH in
DANGEROUS OBSESSION
By N.J. Crisp
"TENSION JUNKIES WON'T BE DISAPPOINTED" Daily Mail
OVER 180 PERFS!

GARRICK 379 6107 CC 240 7200 24 hrs 7 days No bkg fee
NOEL COWARD'S
EASY VIRTUE
From 13 April Now Booking

GLOBE THEATRE 01 437 3667/741 9999. First Call 836 2428 (bkg fee).
MAGGIE SMITH
MARGARET TYZACK in
LETTICE AND LOVAGE
a new comedy by PETER SHAFFER with RICHARD PEARSON directed by MICHAEL BLAKEMORE
Evgs 7.45, Sat Mat 3.00

GREENWICH THEATRE 01-858 7755. cc 01 853 3800 (no bkg fee) Evenings 7.45 Mat Sat 2.30 HOW THE OTHER HALF LOVES "ALAN AYCKBOURN'S very funny comedy...a finely revival, perfectly directed" F.Times.

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"A comic gem" Gdn. "A glorious performance" D.Tel
and MICHAEL DENISON "..Nimble and Mercilessly Perceptive" S. Times in
YOU NEVER CAN TELL
by Bernard Shaw
Toby Robertson's "splendidly choreographed production" D.Tel Evgs 7.30 Mats Weds & Sats 3.00 First Call 24hr 7-day cc bkgs 01-240 7200 (bkg fee) Open All Hours 01-379 4444 (bkg fee) Group Sales 01-930 6123

HER MAJESTY'S Haymarket 839 2244 CC 24hr 379 4444 (bkg fee) 240 7200 (bkg fee) Group Sales 930 6123
ANDREW LLOYD WEBBER'S AWARD WINNING MUSICAL
THE PHANTOM OF THE OPERA
DAVE WILLETTS
CLAIRE MOORE MICHAEL BALL
Directed by HAROLD PRINCE Eves 7.45 Mats Wed & Sat 3 Bookings now available Oct 3 '88 -April 1 '89 Postal applications ONLY at Theatre

LYRIC HAMMERSMITH 01 741 2311. (01 240 7200 CC 24hr 7 day Bkg fee for FAUST ONLY) Until 18 March FAUST Observers Course (Not Sats) (for info. please phone 01 741 8701) From 30 March Goethe's FAUST Parts 1 and 2. STUDIO: Eves 8pm Sat Mat 4pm WILLIAM RUSHTON in TALES FROM A LONG ROOM & UNCLE MORT'S NORTH COUNTRY. By Peter Tinniswood.

LYRIC W1 437 3686/734 5166
RUSS ABBOT
ONE FOR THE ROAD
By Willy Russell
Russ Abbot must leave 23 April. Evgs 7.30 Fri & Sat 6.00 & 8.40 1st Call 24 hr 7 day cc 240 7200. CCTB 741 9999 (No Bkg Fee) Grps 930 6123.

LYTTELTON National Theatre 928 2252. Today 2.15 & 7.45. Tomor 7.45 CAT ON A HOT TIN ROOF by Tennessee Williams.

MAYFAIR CC 629 3036 379 4444 Mon Thu 8 Fri & Sat 5.40 & 8.10
RICHARD TODD in
THE BUSINESS OF MURDER
"The Best Thriller for years" S Mir "An unabashed winner" S Exp "Sensational" Times
8TH THRILLING YEAR

MERMAID THEATRE 01-236 5568/638 8891 cc 741 9999 & cc (with bkg fee) 240 7200
EMILE ZOLA'S
NANA
"RECKS OF SEX & PLEASURE" T. Out. Eves 7.30, Thur mat 2.30 Sat 4.30 & 8.00 THUR MAT ALL SEATS £6.

NATIONAL THEATRE CC 01-928 2252 CC Agencies. bkg fee: 379 4444/240 7200/741 9999 See OLIVIER/LYTTELTON/COTTESLOE Cheap seats days of perfs from 10am.

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CATS
Group Bookings 01 930 6123 or 01 405 1567. NOW BOOKING TO OCT 29

OLD VIC 928 7616 CC 261 1821. cc (with bkg fee) 240 7200/379 4444/741 9999. LIMITED SEASON Reduced Price Previews from Fri. Eves 7.30 (15 Mar 7pm). Sats 4.00 & 7.45. Wed mats 2.30
THE TUTOR
By J M R Lenz, adapted by Brecht directed by Angelika Hurwicz

OLIVIER National Theatre 928 2252. Today 2.00, Tomor 10.30 & 2.00 THE PIED PIPER musical show for children by Adrian Mitchell. Ton't, Tomor 7.15 'TIS PITY SHE'S A WHORE by John Ford.

PALACE THEATRE 434 0909 24hrs cc 379 4444 (bkg fee) 240 7200 (bkg fee) Groups 930 6123 "THE SHOW OF ALL SHOWS" Newsweek Winner of 8 Tony Awards inc BEST MUSICAL
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SARAH BERGER PAUL MOONEY
THE COMMON PURSUIT
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CHESS
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QUEENS 734 1166/0261/0120 cc 379 4444/741 9999 24hr 7day cc 836 2428 (bkg fee) Group Sales 930 6123.
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"BRILLIANT" PA
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by JEFFREY ARCHER
DAVID LANGTON JEFFRY WICKHAM
ANDREW CRUICKSHANK
Directed by DAVID GILMORE Mon-Fri 8 Mat Thu 3 Sat 5 & 8.30 SEATS AVAILABLE AT SOME PERFS. Some good seats available for Matinee tomorrow

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JOHN DUTTINE
PAUL EDDINGTON
ANNA QUAYLE
DOROTHY TUTIN
JACK WATLING
in TERENCE RATTIGAN'S
THE BROWNING VERSION & HARLEQUINADE
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PAULINE COLLINS in
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"Husbands, wives, sons, daughters, friends and lovers treat yourselves" D. Mail
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"Stunning..." Scotsman. Eves 7.45 Thurs Mat 2.30 Sat Mat 3.00

WHITEHALL 01 930 7765/839 4455 cc 379 6565/741 9999/379 4444/bkg fee 240 7200 Grps 836 3962
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"AS FINE A PLAY AND PLAYING AS YOU WILL FIND THIS SIDE OF PARADISE" Daily Mail
CURTAINS
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CINEMAS

CHELSEA CINEMA Kings Road SW3 351 3742 John Huston's THE DEAD (U) 1.40 3.30 5.20 7.15 9.10

CURZON MAYFAIR Curzon St 499 3737. Yves Montand in MANON DES SOURCES (PG) Film at 1.15 (not Sun) 3.30 6.00 8.30. "It has the mark of a classic" Times.

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CURZON WEST END Shaftesbury Avenue W1 439 4805. GRETA SCACCHI & CHARLES DANCE in WHITE MISCHIEF (18) Film at 2.00 (not Sun) 4.10 6.20 8.40

LEICESTER SQUARE THEATRE 930 5252 (Enq)/930 7615 (24 hr Access/ Visa/ AmEx Bookings) ROBOCOP (18) Sep progs Daily 1 15 3.45 6.15 8.45. All progs bookable in advance.

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1. Eric Rohmer's 4 ADVENTURES OF REINETTE & MIRABELLE (U) 2.25 4.30 6.40 8.50. Ends Thurs STARTS Fri 11 Mar Kieslowski's NO END (18)
2. ANGEL DUST (Poussière d'Ange) (15) 2.40 4.45 6.50 9.00

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TELEVISION AND RADIO

Compiled by Peter Dear and Peter Davalle

BBC1

6.00 Ceefax.
6.35 Blondes and Redheads: Rough Necking (b/w). 6.55 Weather.
7.00 Breakfast Time with John Stapleton and Jeremy Paxman. Includes regional news and travel updates at 7.15, 7.45 and 8.15.
8.55 Regional news and weather.
9.00 News and weather, followed by Open Air. Pattie Coldwell receives viewers' comments on yesterday's television output. To contribute ring 061 814 0424.
9.20 Kilroy. Robert Kilroy-Silk chairs a studio discussion on a topical subject.
10.00 News and weather, followed by Going for Gold (r).
10.25 Children's BBC. Andy Crane with programme news and birthday greetings, followed by Play School and The Wombles (r).
10.55 Five to Eleven with Martin Muncaster.
11.00 News and weather, followed by Open Air.
12.00 News and weather, followed by Daytime Live puts Nicola Pagett, a heavy smoker, through a smokalyser to demonstrate how much harm she has done her health; plus Indian cookery with Shasaad Hussein. 12.55 Regional news and weather.
1.00 One O'Clock News with Michael Buerk. Weather.
1.30 Neighbours. Paul's partner takes drastic action to speed up his development plans for Ramsay Street.
1.50 Going for Gold. European quiz show with Henry Kelly.
2.15 Film: And I Alone Survived (1978). Made-for-television film based on a true story about the sole survivor of a plane crash in the Sierra Nevada. With Blair Brown, David Ackroyd and Vera Miles. Directed by William A Graham.
3.50 Pinny's House (r). 4.00 Animal Fair with Don Spencer
4.05 Laurel and Hardy
4.15 Nicobobinus. 4.25 Yogi Bear (r). 4.30 Gruey. Episode three. 5.00 Newsround 5.10 Moondial Penultimate episode (Ceefax) 5.35 Neighbours (r)
6.00 Six O'Clock News with Nicholas Witchell and Philip Hayton. Weather.
6.35 London Plus.
7.00 Wogan — with Sue Lawley. Tonight's guests include the actor Robert Hardy, Matthew Taylor MP (SLDP) for Truro, and Alison French, an athetoid spastic, whose body is constantly in motion even when she is asleep. Musical entertainment comes from A-ha.
7.35 The Clothes Show looks at the 50 finalists in the sports jumper design competition; Selina Scott finds out how Shetland islanders make a living from home knitting; and Caryn Franklin reports on the designs of a Nottingham knitwear company (r).
8.00 Dallas. Clayton is besotted by the beautiful model who posed for his recent art purchase; Jenna opens her heart to Bobby; and it's time for Sue Ellen to make a decision (Ceefax).
8.50 Points of View with Anne Robinson.
9.00 Nine O'Clock News with Martyn Lewis and Philip Hayton. Regional news and weather.
9.30 Q.E.D. In the wake of last year's "hurricane" that devastated so much of South East England, Francis Wilson examines the force behind the storm — a whirlpool known as a vortex (Ceefax).
10.00 Sportsnight. Live coverage of championship boxing from Wembley introduced by Steve Rider with commentary by Harry Carpenter. Britain's Duke McKenzie versus Agapito Gomez from Spain; and two British fighters — Gary Mason versus Michael Watson. Plus further coverage of World Championship Bowls (singles).
11.40 weather, closedown.

ITV/LONDON

6.00 TV-am begins with a cartoon followed at 6.30 and 8.00 for half-an-hour by Good Morning Britain. After Nine's guest is photographer Terry O'Neill.
9.25 Thames News.
9.30 Give Us a Clue. Celebrity mime game presented by Michael Parkinson. With Lionel Blair and Liza Goddard.
10.00 Santa Barbara. 10.25 ITN News Headlines.
10.30 The Time . . . The Place from Cardiff discusses the problems of air safety. With Mike Scott.
11.10 Allsorts. 11.25 Thames News Headlines.
11.30 Women Writers. Last in the series focuses on crime writer P. D. James who tries to answer the question: why are middle class women so good at writing about murder?
12.00 Wish You Were Here . . . ? Budget holidays in the French countryside; plus seaside holidays Russian-style (r).
12.30 ITN News
12.50 Thames News.
1.00 What's My Line? Odd occupations game presented by Penelope Keith, followed by Crimestoppers.
1.30 A Country Practice.
2.30 Votes for Women presented by Sheena McDonald. Under discussion is the menace of drunk driving. Among the guests are Transport Minister Peter Bottomley.
3.00 Gems. Rag trade drama serial.
3.25 Thames News Headlines.
3.30 Sons and Daughters. Australian family drama serial.
4.00 Children's ITV presented by Gary Terzza and Debbie Shore, starting with Rod, Jane and Freddy. 4.10 The Moomins (r). 4.20 The Wind in the Willows. Animated adventures of Mr Toad and co. 4.45 C.A.B. Adventure serial. 5.15 Connections. General knowledge quiz.
5.45 ITN News with Alastair Stewart (Oracle).
6.00 Thames news. 6.25 Help. Dr Bobbie Jacobson, community health expert and author of The Ladykillers, talks about why 30 per cent of us continue to smoke and how we can give it up.
6.30 Emmerdale Farm.
7.00 Headliners. Light-hearted quiz game chaired by Derek Jameson.
7.30 Coronation Street (Oracle).
8.00 Singles. Comedy about two men and two women who meet at a singles club (Oracle).
8.30 Never the Twain. Comedy series about two rival antique dealers, starring Windsor Davies and Donald Sinden (r) (Oracle).
9.00 The Fear. Episode four of the five-part drama serial. Carl's gang are preparing for a hijack; and Marty is having trouble coming to terms with life (Oracle).
10.00 News at Ten with Alastair Burnet and Carol Barnes. 10.30 Thames News.
10.35 Midweek Sport Special. Nick Owen with boxing from Bethnal Green: the British & Commonwealth Heavyweight, the British Flyweight and the WBA World Middleweight championships.
12.00 International Cricket. New Zealand v England.
1.00 Alfred Hitchcock Presents: Incident in a Small Jail. A travelling salesman gets more than he bargained for when he picks up a hitchhiker (r).
1.30 America's Top 10.
2.00 ITN News Headlines, followed by Film: Lust for a Vampire (1970). Hammer horror starring Ralph Bates as a teacher who believes that the student he has fallen in love is the reincarnation of the infamous vampire Carmilla Karnstein. Directed by Jimmy Sangster.
4.00 ITN News Headlines, followed by WKRP in Cincinnati. American comedy series
4.30 Fifty Years On. Vintage news clips.
5.00 ITN Morning News. Ends at 6.00am.

VARIATIONS

BBC1 WALES: 5.35pm-6.00 Wales Today 6.35-7.00 News followed by Neighbours 7.35-8.00 Juice 11.40 Film 88 12.10am-12.15 News and weather SCOTLAND: 10.50am-11.00 Dotaman 6.35-7.00 Reporting Scotland NORTHERN IRELAND: 5.35pm Today's Sport 5.40-6.00 Inside Ulster 6.00-7.00 Neighbours 7.35-8.00 Young Director of the Year 11.40-11.45 News and weather ENGLAND: 6.35pm-7.00 Regional news magazines

BBC2 SCOTLAND: 11.40am-12.05pm Around Scotland NORTHERN IRELAND: 10.38am-11.00 Ceefax

ANGLIA As London except: 12.00-12.30pm Gardens for All 12.50-1.00 News 5.15-5.45 Blockbusters 6.00-6.30 About Anglia 1.00am Donahue 2.00 Three's Company 2.30 Film: Death Valley 4.00-4.30 Once Upon a Time...Man.

BORDER As London except: 12.30pm-1.00 News 3.30-4.00 Young Doctors 6.00-6.30 Lookaround 12.00 Closedown.

CENTRAL As London except: 12.00-12.30pm Young Doctors 12.50-1.00 News 1.30-2.30 Falcon Crest 6.00-6.30 News 12.00 Donahue 1.00am Best of the Beat Club 2.00 Alfred Hitchcock Presents 2.25 Film: Men Are Not Gods* 4.00-5.00 Jobfinder.

CHANNEL As London except: 12.00-12.30pm Sullivans 12.50 News 1.00-1.30 Paul Cola Show 3.30-4.00 Young Doctors 6.00-6.30 Channel Report 1.00am Closedown.

GRAMPIAN As London except: 12.50pm-1.00 News 5.15-5.45 Blockbusters 6.00-6.30 North Tonight 1.00am Closedown.

GRANADA As London except: 12.00-12.30pm Sullivans 12.50-1.00 Granada Reports 1.30-2.30 Murder, She Wrote 3.30-4.00 Young Doctors 6.00-6.30 Granada Reports 12.00 Donahue 12.55am Best of the Beat Club 2.00 Transworld Sport 3.00 Barney Miller 3.30 Videopix 4.30-5.00 Jobfinder.

HTV WEST As London except: 12.00-12.30pm Gardening Time 12.50-1.00 News 1.30-2.30 Falcon Crest 6.00-6.30 News 12.00 Green Shoes 12.30am Closedown.

HTV WALES As HTV West except: 6.00pm-6.30 Wales at Six.

SCOTTISH As London except: 12.00-12.30pm Gardening Time 12.50-1.00 News 1.30-2.30 Love Boat 3.30-4.00 Wish You Were Here...? 5.15-5.45 Blockbusters 6.00-6.30 Scotland Today 12.00 Donahue 1.00am Best of the Beat Club 2.00 Police Precinct 3.00 Tales From the Darkside 3.30 Videopix 4.30-5.00 Jobfinder.

TSW As London except: 12.00-12.30pm Country Practice 12.50-1.00 News 1.30-2.30 Jesse 5.15-5.45 Blockbusters 6.00-6.30 Today 12.00 Postscript, Closedown.

TVS As London except: 12.00-12.30pm Sullivans 12.50 News 1.00-1.30 Coast to Coast People 2.00-2.30 Gems 3.00 What's my Line? 3.30-4.00 Young Doctors 6.00-6.30 Coast to Coast 1.00am Film: Our Girl Friday 2.25 Off the Wall 3.25 Company, Closedown.

TYNE TEES As London except: 12.50pm-1.00 News 6.00-6.30 Northern Life 1.00am Say Yes to Life 1.05-6.00 Jobfinder.

ULSTER As London except: 12.50pm-1.00 Newstime 3.30-4.00 Pin Money 6.00 Six Tonight 6.20-6.30 Preview 12.00 Mary 12.35am Newstime, Close.

YORKSHIRE As London except: 12.00-12.30pm Lunchtime Live 12.50-1.00 News 1.30-2.30 Falcon Crest 6.00-6.30 Calendar 1.00am Jobfinder 2.00 Closedown.

S4C Starts: 9.30am Schools 12.00 Business Daily 12.30pm Fifteen to One 1.00 Open College 2.00 Pob's Programme 2.30 Every Window Tells a Story 3.00 Old Country 3.30 Mister Ed* 4.00 Helping Henry 4.15 Flabalabam 4.30 Bilidowcar 5.00 Mavis on 4 5.30 Information Technology 6.00 Lost in Space* 7.00 Newyddion Saith 7.30 Treialon cwn Defaid Rhyngwladol 8.00 Hel Straeon 8.30 Llygad y Geiniog 9.05 Film: Come Back to the Five and Dime, Jimmy Dean, Jimmy Dean 11.05 Cheers 11.35 Week in Politics 12.00 Modern World 1.10am Closedown.

RTE 1 Starts: 2.30pm Living Body 3.00 Live at Three 4.00 Dempsey's Den 4.30 Happy Birthday 4.35 Flintstone Kids 5.05 Look Around 5.15 Real Ghostbusters 5.45 News 6.00 The Angelus 6.01 Newstime 6.30 Cast of Thousands 7.00 Evening Extra 7.30 Cries for Help 8.00 Magnum 9.00 News 9.30 Today Tonight 10.30 Independent Eye 11.00 The Women Who Married Clark Gable 11.30-11.35 News, Closedown.

RTE 2 Starts: 5.05pm Emmerdale Farm 5.30 Five Women Photographers 6.00 Nine to Five 6.30 Country Practice 7.00 All 7.30 Coronation Street 8.00 Nuacht 8.10 Cursai 8.40 Film: The Contract 10.30 Newsnight 10.50 At the Maintenance Shop 11.20 Nightlight 11.30 Closedown.

Rory McGrath (left) as Badvoc and Jimmy Mulville, as Aulus Paulinus in Chelmsford 123: on C4, 10.00pm

Damp Britain and jokes to match

TELEVISION CHOICE

● We are in Roman Britain, Chelmsford to be precise, where the natives are uncouth and it is raining. It is hardly a desirable posting for an ambitious young Roman, but having insulted the Emperor's girl friend at a banquet, Aulus Paulinus draws the short straw and is despatched to Britain as governor. How will he make out in this damp outpost of empire, and will he be able to assert his authority over the rude Brits? His main adversary is Badvoc, a surly individual with a huge beard, who promises to be more than a devious match for the new arrival. Such is the situation of *Chelmsford 123* (Channel 4, 10.00pm), a sitcom from the *Who Dares Wins* stalwarts, Rory McGath and Jimmy Mulville, who also play the leads. Like many a first episode of a new series, this one is forced to spend most of its time setting the scene with consequently very little time to establish a distinctive comic style. Perhaps that will emerge later. For the moment we have to make do with exchanges like: "This is no place for a human being" — "You should be all right, then". Or, when the only female character asks the new governor whether he can find a position for her at the villa, back comes the reply: "I'm sure we can find several". Rather funnier are the show's opening exchanges, conducted in Latin (or what purports to be Latin) with some fanciful translations coming up in the subtitles. But even this is something that Ronnie Barker used to do much better and though these are early days there are few signs yet that *Chelmsford 123* is going to match the quality of such previous excursions into historical sitcom as *Blackadder* or, for those with longer memories, Frankie Howerd's *Up Pompeii*.

Peter Waymark

All Greek and A1

RADIO CHOICE

● An epic in terms of the logistics involved, the Greek fleet's invasion of Sicily in *415* BC, chronicled by Thucydides, translated by Rex Warner and now adapted in six parts by Donald Bancroft, has been given a non-epic production as The Sicilian Expedition (Radio 3, 10.30pm). No creaking oars; no martial trumpets; no wind whistling in the sails; no valedictory shouts from soldiers' families on the harbour wall as the warships pull out of Piraeus — nothing in the way of actuality, in fact, but the narrative of Thucydides (spoken by Edward de Souza), the speeches of Alcibiades (John Rye) and Nicias (Manning Wilson), and occasional eruptions of "rhubarb, rhubarb" from the Assembly men who are being exorted to sanction the expedition in support of the allied Sicilian city of Egesta. This classically simple approach to Greek history works wonderfully well. It is not necessarily better than the conventionally dramatic treatment the Roman Empire is currently getting on Radio 3 in *Whose is the Kingdom?*; but comparing the styles makes a fascinating exercise.

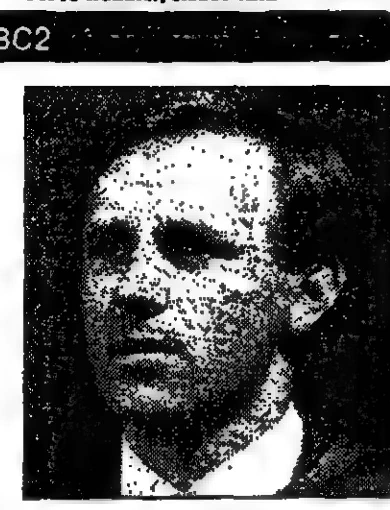
Edward de Souza: Sicilian Expedition, R3, 10.30pm

● **Soundtrack** (Radio 4, 11.00) called for much hard work with the tone and volume controls on my radio. Using an open microphone to record the big and little dramas of a hectic Saturday night in a Greater Manchester police HQ, creates authenticity all right. But the price that has to be paid is strain on the ears. Justice needs to be *heard* to be done, not just seen.

Peter Davalle

BBC2

6.55 Open University: Engineering. Ends 7.20.
9.00 Ceefax.
9.43 Daytime on Two: Le service militaire 10.00 You and Me 10.15 Cleaning 10.38 Island of Rhum 11.00 Words and Pictures 11.18 Tutorial Topics: The Jacket, followed by Teachers 11.40 Science in Action 12.00 A Space for Living 12.28 Equal People 12.50 Welcome to my World.
1.20 Little Misses and the Mister Men (r) 1.38 Zig Zag.
2.00 News and weather, followed by Storytime.
2.15 Antiques Roadshow visits Belfast (Ceefax) (r).
3.00 News and weather, followed by World Bowls. Coverage of the second round of the Embassy World Indoor Bowls Championship from Alexandra Palace in London. David Icke introduces highlights of the first matches, with commentators David Rhys-Jones, Jimmy Davidson, and Dougie Donnelly.
3.50 News and weather, followed by regional news and weather.
4.00 Catchword. Word game presented by Paul Cola.
4.30 World Bowls. Continuing coverage of today's matches.
5.30 Film 88. Barry Norman reviews *Orphans* starring Albert Finney, and *Someone to Watch over Me* starring Tom "Platoon" Berenger (r).
6.00 World Bowls. Highlights of the best matches in the second round.
7.10 Review Special. Three relatively unknown London painters who are currently exhibiting in the capital talk about their work. John Keane's *Bee Keeping in the War Zone* is the result of a visit to Nicaragua; Jock McFadyen's grotesque and witty caricatures of urban life are on show in Camden; and Peter Davis explains how he ended up exhibiting in a London car show room.
7.40 The Rock 'n' Roll Years. 1963 — the year John Kennedy was assassinated, a woman went into space for the first time and the Profumo Affair hit the headlines. The music included Jan and Dean, the Beatles, and the Searchers (r).



Peter Davison: BBC2, 9.25pm

8.10 Wideworld: The Travels of "Pong" Barley. Nigel Barley intended to do an ethnographic survey of cannibals when he travelled to the remote Indonesian island of Torajaland; but after a series of misadventures he decided to bring a group of woodcarvers back to London to build an ornate rice-barn in Piccadilly.
9.00 M*A*S*H (b/w). The 4077th get a chance to air their views about the war on TV (r).
9.25 A Very Peculiar Practice. Third of the seven part black comedy starring Peter Davison. A night of mayhem is in store for the campus when the students object to a suggestion to make the university a profit-making organization (Ceefax).
10.20 Up North. Documentary about Dianne Core, herself a victim of sexual abuse as a child, who, through her charity *Childwatch*, now zealously investigates cases where she believes authorities have failed. Her methods may be unorthodox but she insists that the child always comes first.
10.50 Newsnight with Peter Snow and Donald MacCormick.
11.35 Weatherview.
11.40 Open University: Health and Disease. 12.05 Genetics. Ends 12.35am.

CHANNEL 4

9.30 Schools: French programme 9.52 The development of the British countryside 10.09 Keeping healthy 10.30 Life and death 11.05 Fast Forward (r) 11.22 Thumbelina Part I 11.41 Teaching CDT.
12.00 Business Daily. Business and financial news presented by Susannah Simons.
12.30 Just 4 Fun: Hand in Hand. Programme for deaf and hearing children.
1.00 Reaching Agreement. Open College course about communication skills in the workplace and everyday social life. Today negotiating strategies (Oracle).
1.30 Working Words Open College course about writing at work. Today the successful interview (Oracle).
2.00 The Parliament Programme. Nicholas Woolley presents coverage of the work of both Houses of Parliament.
2.30 Film: The Garden of Allah (1936). Romantic melodrama about a *femme fatale* who falls in love with a Trappist monk who has fled his order. Starring Marlene Dietrich, Charles Boyer, Basil Rathbone and C. Aubrey Smith. Directed by Richard Boleslawski.
4.00 Mavis on 4. Mavis Nicholson talks to Yves Montand, recently voted most popular man in France and star of *Jean de Florette* and *Manon des Sources*. Last year he seemed the most likely challenger for the French presidency.
4.30 Fifteen-to-One. Quick-thinking quiz programme introduced by William G. Stewart.
5.00 The Amateur Naturalist. Gerald and Lee Durrell explore two seashore habitats — the coast of Jersey and the cliffs of Unst, Britain's most northerly point (r) (Oracle).
5.30 I Dream of Jeannie. Vintage American comedy about an astronaut and his unusual friend. Starring a youthful Larry Hagman.
6.00 Family Ties. Domestic sitcom starring Michael J. Fox.
6.30 An Outside Chance. Robert Kee explores the range of non-custodial alternatives available to the courts and reports on some projects that deal with alcoholic and drug addicted offenders.
7.00 Channel 4 News (Oracle).
7.50 Party Political Comment, followed by Weather.
8.00 A Love Affair with Nature. Edwin Mullins continues his exploration of the premise that a nation's art is a reflection of its values and dreams. Through Barbara Hepworth's sculpture garden he demonstrates how we see ourselves in relation to nature (r) (Oracle).
8.30 A Week in Politics. On the eve of the Budget, a portrait of Nigel Lawson, Chancellor of the Exchequer.
9.00 Girls on Top. Domestic comedy series about three disparate women (played by Dawn French, Jennifer Saunders and Ruby Wax) who share a flat.
9.30 Women in View with Jackie Spreckley and Tess Woodcraft, explores the campaigning methods of the anti-abortion organizations. Plus a report on why trade unions are so interested in attracting women members.
10.00 Chelmsford 123. (See Choice).
10.30 Tickets for the Titanic. Last in the series of black comedies is set in the 1990s, an age of entrepreneurs. An old-fashioned vicar (Jonathan Pryce) and his wife (Anna Carteret) are horrified by the career plans of their children, but discover they are alone in their beliefs. With Emily Lloyd.
11.30 The Late Shift presented by Charlie Gillett and Vivien Goldman, starting with Johnny Staccato (b/w). Starring John Cassavetes as the Fifties New York private detective investigating the sale of a baby on the black market.
12.00 The Kronos Quartet. An American group who cross the boundary between classical and popular music with a repertoire that includes the music of Jimi Hendrix and Thelonius Monk.
1.15 Rebellious Jukebox. Comedy and pop music from an imaginary night club. With Jools Holland, and Meatloaf. Guests include Frankie Goes to Hollywood and UB40 (r) Ends 2.15am.

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5.30am Adrian John 7.00 Mike Smith's Breakfast Show 9.30 Simon Bates 12.30pm Newsbeat 12.45 Johnnie Walker 3.00 Steve Wright 5.30 Newsbeat 5.45 Bruno Brookes 7.30 Simon Mayo 10.00-12.00 John Peel. FM Stereo Radios 1 and 2: 4.00am As Radio 2 10.00pm As Radio 1 12.00-4.00am As Radio 2

Radio 2

MW (medium wave). Stereo on FM (see Radio 1)
News on the hour. Sports Round-up 8.50am
4.00am Colin Berry 5.30 Charles Nove 7.30 Derek Jameson 9.30 Ken Bruce 11.00 Jimmy Young 1.05pm David Jacobs 2.00 Gloria Hunniford 3.30 Party Political Broadcast (by the Liberal Party) 3.35 Adrian Love 5.05 Harry Carpenter 7.00 Folk on 2 8.30 Dancing Fiddles 9.00 Listen to the Band 10.00 'Ow Do, 'Ow Are You? (biography of Wilfred Pickles) 10.30 The Golden Years 11.00 Brian Matthew 1.00am Steve Madden 3.00-4.00 A Little Night Music

WORLD SERVICE

All programme times are given in GMT
6.00am Newsdesk 6.30 Londres Matin 7.00 News 7.09 Twenty-four Hours 7.30 Development '88 8.00 News 8.09 Reflections 8.15 Classical Record Review 8.30 Just a Minute 9.00 News 9.09 Review of the British Press 9.15 World Today 9.30 Financial News followed by Sports Roundup 9.45 Jazz Scene UK 10.00 News 10.01 Omnibus 10.30 Yes Minister 11.00 News 11.09 News About Britain 11.15 Byron Readings 11.25 A Letter from Wales 11.30 Londres Midi 12.00 Radio Newsreel 12.15 Time For Verse 12.25 Farming World 12.45 Sports Roundup 1.00 News 1.09 Twenty-four Hours 1.30 Development '88 2.00 Outlook 2.45 Report on Religion 3.00 Radio Newsreel 3.15 A Hobby — Or a Way of Life? 3.30 The Good Human Guide 4.00 News 4.09 Commentary 4.15 Rock Salad 4.45 World Today 5.00 News 5.09 A Letter from Wales 5.15 English by Radio 5.45 Londres Soir 6.30 Heute Aktuell 8.00 News 8.09 Twenty-four Hours 8.30 Assignment 9.00 News 9.01 Network UK 9.15 Rock Salad 9.45 Recording of the Week 10.00 News 10.09 The World Today 10.25 A Letter from Wales 10.30 Financial News 10.40 Reflections 10.45 Sports Roundup 11.00 News 11.09 Commentary 11.15 Write On... 11.30 Multitrack 2 12.00 News 12.09 News About Britain 12.15 Radio Newsreel 12.30 The Good Human Guide 1.00 News 1.01 Outlook 1.30 Waveguide 1.40 Book Choice 1.45 The Story of English 2.00 News 2.09 Commentary 2.15 Network UK 2.30 Assignment 3.00 News 3.09 News About Britain 3.15 World Today 3.30 The Desert Dairy 4.00 Newsdesk 4.30 Six Four Eight 4.35 Financial News 4.45 Morgenmagazin 5.45 World Today.

Radio 3

6.35 Open University: Open Forum: News-Views 6.55 News, weather
7.00 Concert: recordings of Handel's Coronation Anthem (My Heart is Inditing: English Consort, with Choir of Westminster Abbey), Boyce's Symphony No 2 (English Concert), and Mendelssohn's Konzertstück No 1 (Sabine Meyer, clarinet; Wolfgang Meyer, basset horn; and Wurttemberg CO) 7.30 News bulletin
7.35 Concert (contd): Telemann (Flute Concerto in D: Hazelzet, with Musica Antiqua, Cologne), Schubert (Sonata in A, D 574: Grumiaux, with Paul Crossley, piano), Debussy (Fantasy: Ciccolini, piano, with French Radio Orchestra) 8.30 News
8.35 Composers of the Week: Busoni. Michele Campanella (piano) plays the Sonatina No 3. Also, excerpts from Arlecchino (Glyndebourne Festival Orchestra with Kurt Gester in the title role. Cast also includes Ian Wallace and Elaine Malbin. AndIndian Diary (Huvé, piano)
9.25 Czech Philharmonic, with Prague Philharmonic Choir. Slavicky (Hamletiana), Suk (Ripening)
10.25 Piano recital: Caroline Palmer playsSchubert (Valses sentimentales, D 779, and Valse nobles, D 969), Ravel (Valses nobles et sentimentales)
11.00 Midweek Choice: Susan Sharpe presents recordings of Haydn's Trumpet Concerto in E flat (Marsalis with National Philharmonic); Spohr's Sonata in C minor (Menuhin, violin, with Zabaleta, harp), Saint-Saens's Symphony No 3, the "Organ" (Susan Landale, with BBC Welsh SO under Kasprzyk); de la Rosa's Hay en mi jardin (Supervia, soprano); and Joseph Hislip singing Puccini's Che gelida manina 1.00 News
1.05 Violin and piano: Lorraine McAslan and John Blakely play David Matthews's Aria, Frank Bridge's Sonata, and Elgar's Salut d'amour
2.00 Record Review: with Jeremy Siepmann. Includes William Mann's guide to recordings of Elgar's The Dream of Gerontius; and John Warrack on Brendel's new recordings of works by Liszt and Mussorgsky (r)
3.10 Lotte Lehmann: Alan Blyth introduces more recordings

Lotte Lehmann: recordings on Radio 3, 3.10pm

featuring the celebrated soprano, including Der Rosenkavalier and Die Walküre
4.00 Choral Evensong: a live transmission from Worcester Cathedral. The organist is Adrian Partington, and the organ voluntary is Dupré's Toccata sur Placare Christe servulis
5.00 Mainly for Pleasure: music selection, presented by Lyndon Jenkins
6.30 Guitar Music: Stepan Rak plays his own Czech Fairy Tales, and Vaclav Matiegka's Andante: Rondo Capriccioso, Sonata in D
7.00 News bulletin
7.05 Third Ear: Robert Hewison chairs an arts discussion
7.30 Hippolyte et Aricie: Rameau's tragedie-lyrique in a prologue and five acts, sung in French. Malgoire conducts the Choir of Lausanne Theatre and Le Grande Ecurie et la Chambre du Roy. Soloists include Marie-Christine Porta, Danielle Borst, Felicity Palmer, Ionel Pantea, and Peter Jeffes. Acts three, four and five begin at 8.55, after a talk by Sydney Anglo
10.30 The Sicilian Expedition: start of a six-part adaptation (by Donald Bancroft) taken from Thucydides's Peloponnesian War, written in the 4th Century BC. With Edward de Souza, Manning Wilson, John Rye and Eric Stovell (1) The Expedition Sets Sail (see Choice)
11.00 Composers of the Week: Schubert. Recordings of the Mass No 2 in G, D 167; the Symphony No 2; and Der Traum, D 213 12.00 News

Radio 4

LW (long wave). (s) Stereo on FM
5.55 Shipping Forecast 6.00 News Briefing; Weather 6.10 Farming 6.25 Prayer
6.30 Today, incl 6.30, 7.30, 8.30 News 6.45 Business News 6.55, 7.55 Weather 7.00, 8.00 Sport 7.45 Thought for the Day 8.35 Yesterday in Parliament 8.57 Weather; Travel
9.00 News bulletin
9.05 Midweek with Libby Purves (s)
10.00 News; Gardeners' Question Time: Clay Jones and his team visit the Attenborough Garden Club, Nottingham, to answer members' questions
10.30 Morning Story: To Tea on Sunday, by Leslie Halward. The reader is William Eedie
10.45 Daily Service: New Every Morning, pagd 114 (s)
11.00 News; Travel; Soundtrack: the second in a series of 10 documentaries. Today: Behind the scenes of the Delta Division communications room at Longsight Police HQ oneSaturday night (see Choice)
11.47 Loves of the Great Composers: Fritz Spiegl on Franz Schubert
12.00 News; You and Yours: with John Buckley
12.25 Fallen Arches: by Stephen Sheridan, starring Robert Lang and Annette Crosbie. (4) A Court Trial 12.55 Weather
1.00 The World at One
1.40 The Archers 1.55 Shipping Forecast
2.00 News; Woman's Hour: with Jenni Murray. Includes an interview with medium Doris Collins
3.00 News; Justice Feral: play by Albert Welling. With a cast headed by David Kelsey, Alistair White and Zelah Clarke. The case of Three Blind Mice vs The Farmer's Wife (s)
3.47 Time for Verse: George MacBeth talks to Fiona Pitt-Kethley about her life and poetry
4.00 News bulletin
4.05 File on 4: Michael Robinson presents the second of two reports about the National Health Service and its future (r)
4.45 Kaleidoscope Extra: Michael Oliver talks to Harry Hammond, a photographer whose pictures chronicle the changes in popular music from the big band to rock and pop. They are now on exhibition at the Theatre Museum in London
5.00pm PM 5.50 Shipping Forecast 5.55 Weather
6.00 News, incl Financial Report
6.30 Fear on 4: Horror and suspense stories (10) Fat Andy, by Stephen Dunstone. The story of a crime-haunted man. With Thora Hird, Sean Barrett and Susan Sheridan (s)
7.00 News bulletin
7.05 The Archers
7.20 In Business (new series): David Lomax presents a report on the present state of British management (r)
7.45 Lenin of the Rovers: Last part of four-part sitcom about a traditional British football club which suffers a communist takeover, with Alexei Sayle, Donald Hewlett, Andrew McClean, Phil Cornwell, Tony Allas and Keith Allen
8.15 Medicine Now: presented by Geoff Watts
8.45 The Judges (new series): Hugo Young talks to six judges about their lives. (1) Judge Alan Simpson from Sheffield
9.15 The Great Bunion Derby: Tom McNab tells the story of the first trans-continental foot race, over 3,000 miles from Los Angeles to New York, in the 1920s
9.45 Kaleidoscope: with Paul Allen. Includes items on The Last Supper, at the Royal Court; and the film Someone to Watch Over Me.
10.15 A Book at Bedtime: Memoirs of a Midget, by Walter de la Mare (episode 3 of 15). The reader is Janet Maw 10.29 Weather
10.30 The World Tonight: with Alexander MacLeod
11.15 The Financial World Tonight
11.30 Today in Parliament
12.00 News, incl 12.20 Weather 12.33 Shipping
FM as above except: 11.00am-12.00 For Schools. 11.00 Singing Together 11.20 Junior Drama Workshop 11.40 Reading Corner 11.50 Poetry Corner 1.55-3.00pm For Schools 1.55 Listening Corner 2.05 WPFM 5.50-5.55 PM (continued) 11.30 Open University: 11.30 Modern Art: Image of Prostitution 11.50 Language and the Novel 12.10am Music Interlude 12.30-1.10 Schools Night-Time Technology and Design

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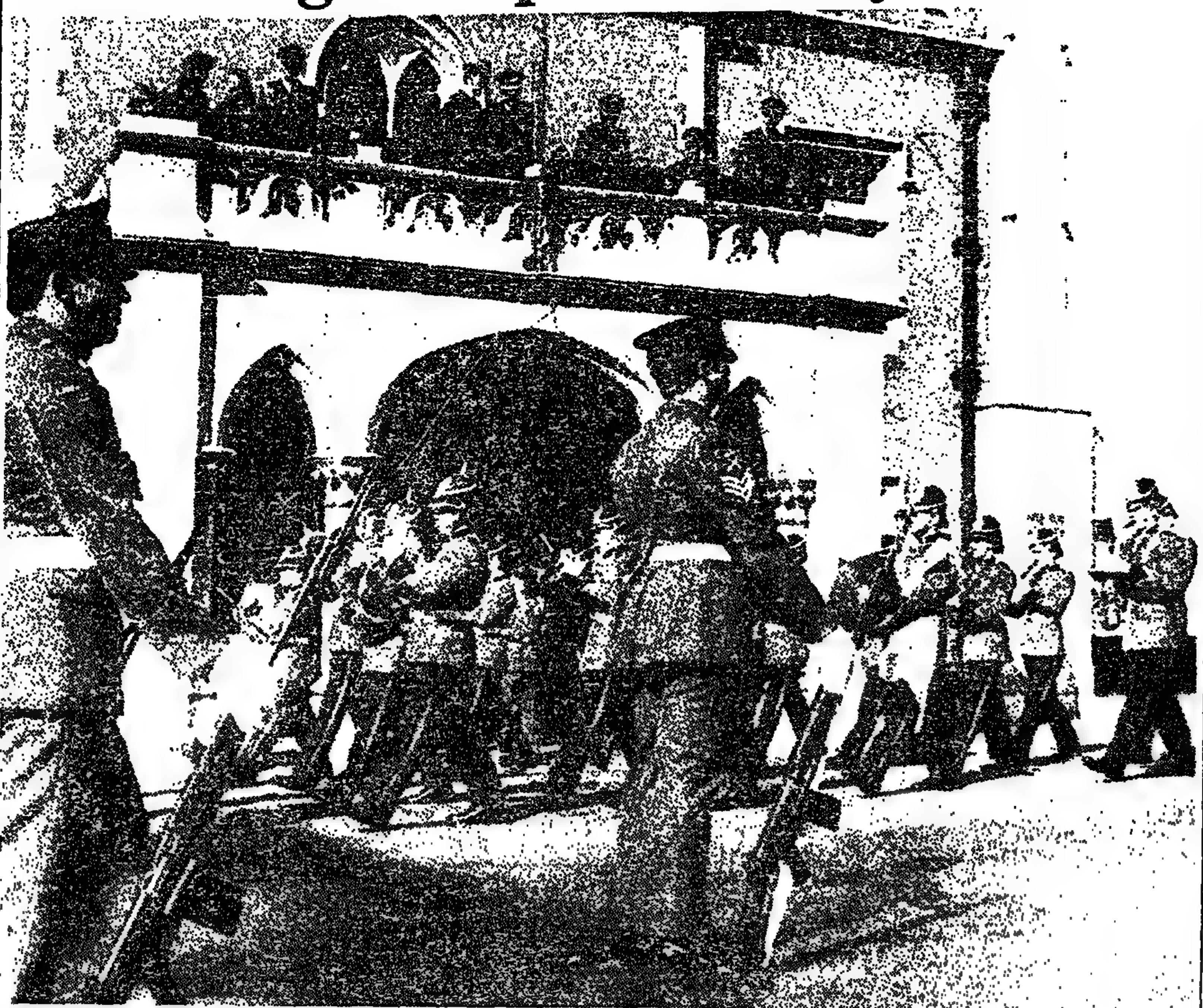
Marching in step with Army tradition



The Royal Anglian Regiment performing the Changing of the Guard yesterday in Gibraltar, unmoved that it had been the IRA's target.

Curfew in camp after killing

From Ian Murray
Jerusalem

An Arab policeman stationed in Bethlehem was stabbed and hacked to death near his home in Aqabat Jabr refugee camp outside Jericho on Monday night as the Palestinians' underground leadership urged a crackdown on collaborators.

Palestinian sources said that the dead man, Nabil Juma Farah, aged 30, had been seen on the television news shooting at demonstrators, so he was taken from his home late at night and killed. Israeli security forces imposed a curfew on the camp.

The death follows the lynching a fortnight ago of a supposed Shin Bet counter-intelligence informer at Khabatiyeh, near Jenin in the West Bank. Since then bulldozers have demolished the homes of two alleged leaders of the lynch mob and there have been dozens of arrests.

There was a serious disturbance yesterday in the village of Bidou, west of Jerusalem, where two houses were demolished on Monday by Israeli forces ordered to punish those said to have been responsible for killing another collaborator last month. An Israeli was injured yesterday when his car was hit by stones and a bus full of Israeli children was attacked.

Policemen and civil servants employed by the Israelis have been named in leaflets and radio broadcasts as part of a campaign.

US plan crippled, page 9.

Cairo tests its claim to treasure

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shire. They had been hidden there for 60 years.

Under an agreement at the time, objects discovered during the Carnarvon excavations were divided between the fifth Earl and the Egyptian authorities.

The Carnarvon family later lost a court case brought by the Egyptian Government for the return of artefacts from the tomb of Tutankhamun, but the judgement does not affect the newly found objects, which came from other sites in Egypt, including the Valley of the Kings.

Mr el-Nwawy said that news of the discovery had caused intense interest in Egypt "not only among specialists but among the common man".

Dr Mohamed Mohsen, director of the Cairo Museum, where the Tutankhamun treasures are on display, said that the museum would make no comment until it had received further details of the recovered objects.

● CAIRO: Mr el-Nwawy and officials of the Egyptian Museum in Cairo discussed the find yesterday afternoon in an informal session as copies of daily papers were passed around (A Correspondent writes). News of the hoard made front-page headlines.

IRA terrorists' car found

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MI5, MI6 and Scotland Yard's Special Branch and Anti-Terrorist Squad.

The Spanish police, alerted by the British agencies, monitored the return to Spain at the end of last week of the three and confirmed yesterday that they had hired three cars for their operation.

The Renault 5 found in Gibraltar, and the Ford Fiesta containing false passports, detonators and timing devices found in La Linea were hired in Torremolinos. Police said that the third car, a small white Seat with Málaga licence plates, had been hired in Marbella.

Señor Martinez explained that the Renault 5 was used on Sunday merely to "book parking space" close to yesterday's changing-the-guard ceremony. He said that the IRA intended to bring in another car, the Ford or the Seat, filled with explosives to take the Renault's place closer to the time of the ceremony.

Expulsion orders against four Irish people, including the sister of a woman charged with conspiring to murder Mr Tom King, Secretary of State for Northern Ireland, were signed by Mr Douglas Hurd, Home Secretary, yesterday.

Deidre Whelan, sister of Miss Martina Shanahan, who was committed for trial last week on charges of conspiring to murder Mr King, Pamela Kane, a Sinn Fein candidate in the Irish election, James Keegan and Hugo Reavey were being held under the Prevention of Terrorism Act.

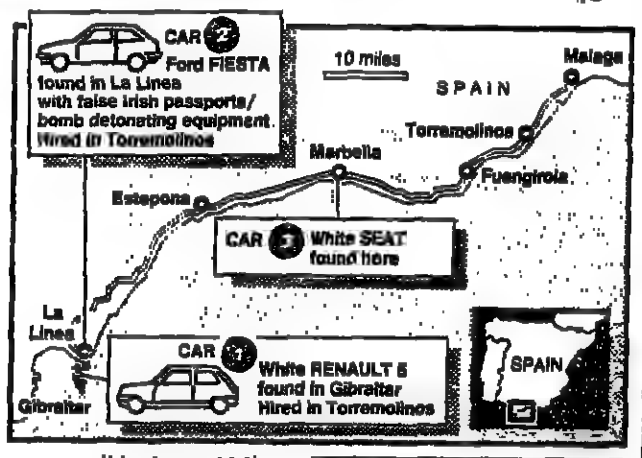
The changing of the guard, by 16 soldiers and the 40-strong band of the 1st Battalion the Royal Anglian Regiment, went ahead yesterday morning as if nothing had happened.

"It was nice to see the boys put on a good show and I think the applause was more enthusiastic than usual," Colonel John Sutherell, the regiment's commanding officer, commented after the parade. The troops, in full ceremonial uniform, came down Main Street to parade before the Governor's residence in bright sunshine and to the sounds of the *Radetsky March* and they exited to *Rule Britannia*.

While the band played, Chief Inspector Manolo Corea of the Gibraltar police was continuing to gather evidence of Sunday's shooting for the coroner. Mr Pizzarello said: "I intend to call a jury to hear the evidence and to hold the inquest in public unless security considerations demand otherwise."

If the jury ruled that charges of murder or manslaughter were possible, it would be up to the Attorney-General to decide whether to investigate further. But he added that the inquest would be delayed for at least a fortnight.

The coroner has already received the post-mortem report on the three from Professor Ian Watson, a forensic pathologist at Glasgow University, and has released the bodies so that they can be returned home.



Poles buried driver alive

Warsaw (Reuter) – Two Poles were jailed for 25 years for killing a lorry driver by burying him alive and stealing his cargo of chocolate.

The two were also fined more than three million zlotíes (£4,500) each. Chocolate is rationed in Poland.

Commons sketch

A dash of Brando for sober toilers

Sensible political heavyweight Mr Tony Banks (Labour, Newham North-west) wished to refer the malicious Mr Andrew Rawnsley, sketchwriter of *The Guardian*, to the House of Commons Committee of Privileges for his wicked and totally unsupportable act of claiming in print that Labour members were drinking or sleeping when they should have been asking questions of the Employment Minister.

For more than an hour, pleasant, sober and highly active members on both sides of the esteemed chamber discussed the iniquitous assertions that daily dribble from the pens of sketchwriters.

Mr Banks, who always has a kindly word to say about everyone, declared Mr Rawnsley's assertions "gratuitously offensive". He announced that on the day of which Mr Rawnsley had been writing, 74 Labour MPs had been working on standing committees, another 27 had been on select committees and still others had been meeting lobbyists. (This left a hundred or so unaccounted for, but all right-minded people will realize that they were pursuing activities far more important than frivolous cross-questioning of the Employment Minister could ever be).

"Our procedures must be defended against vindictive and lying attacks," declared the essentially serious Mr Banks, who is well known throughout the length and breadth of the land for his undying devotion to truth.

Lavishly hirsute Mr Ian Gow begged the House's mercy for the shameless Mr Rawnsley. "There are sins graver than to have a drink," he declared, whereupon a Labour backbencher riposted: "Being a Tory!"

Mr Gow, whose Latin lover looks call to mind the suave elegance of Sacha Distel combined with the lean and hungry bearing of Mr Clint Eastwood, continued by decrying the importance of the charges of laziness and incompetence. Up stood Mr David Steel, who, with the characteristic gravity of one of this century's major statesmen, declared that Mr Rawnsley had apologized, and the matter should go no further.

It seemed a day on which all the mildest and most fair-minded politicians in the country wished to add their words of hard-won wisdom. Soft-spoken Mr Eric Forth, for whom a single flower in blossom is worth a whole day's cut-and-thrust in the Chamber, suggested that Mr Banks might be behaving with a little too much sensitivity. He was joined in this opinion by his close friend and political confidante, the svelte Mr Eric Heffer (the two having sat together on the all-party committee for flower arrangements for several years now).

His elocution lessons standing him in excellent stead, Mr Heffer voiced the opinion that though, on reading the report, he had succumbed to a rare moment of fury, he now believed that the matter should rest. "How very like the placatory Mr Marlon Brando in that excellent film *On the Waterfront* is the noble Mr Heffer!" the reformed sketchwriters could be heard muttering to themselves.

Dapper Mr Brian Sedgemore revealed that "all my life I have had the misfortune to be laughed at". He had, he said, become an MP so as to avoid such malicious hooting, but now he had come round to the merit of abuse, and quoted a joke by Harry Truman on Richard Nixon to prove it.

Chirpy, fun-loving Mr Tam Dalyell, in characteristically short-winded mood, pointed out that he would prefer that more important issues were taken up by the Committee of Privileges, and suggested that Mr Bernard Ingham might make for a suitable discussion. Though politically opposed to Mr Ingham, Mr Dalyell is obviously broad-minded enough to wish him a further extension of privileges.

Closing the debate, Mr Banks, in whom many have noticed the promise of a future Churchill, stated that though "the House must be mindful of wilful abuse" he was now prepared to drop his request for Mr Rawnsley to be brought before the Committee of Privileges. And so the smear of sketchwriters shuffled out into the low dives of Westminster, to sit around raising meths-filled glasses to the abundant mercy and good grace that is shown by our elected representatives at all times.

Craig Brown

Southern garb cast off

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whooped and clapped for the fisherman Vice-President.

No matter, either, that the bucolic South which the candidates were pursuing no longer exists.

A third of the population is thought to come from outside the region.

Weeks ago, at the start of the campaign, northern newspapers wrote of a vast region stretching from the Spanish-speaking Texas border to the ancestral cotton fields of Mississipi. True. But the South now also stretches from the Laura Ashley shops of Dallas to the gay interior decorators of Charleston, South Carolina.

Unaware of this, the candidates – including the Southern ones such as Senator Gore – ran a campaign which was a sort of retrospective exhibition of Americana.

Whether one enjoyed it depended on one's taste for the genre. But some of us occasional visitors to the United States prefer Americana to American Anglophilia.

We prefer the company of more plausible Americans – hardhats, campaign media consultants, anyone who does not want to talk about having watched every episode of *Brideshead* on public service television. For us, the Super Tuesday campaign was a joy.

Oxfam officials are freed unharmed by Abu Nidal group

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masses and we shall practise this right whenever necessary."

Mr Khaled did not specifically say, however, that his organization had captured the two Oxfam workers.

Mr Coleridge said he was treated well and his appearance corroborated it. Only once did he mention that he had been blindfolded and was separated from his colleague throughout the "investigation". Mr Coleridge was planning to spend the night in Sidon as a guest of Mr Saad.

Mr Coleridge said his camera was returned after his interrogation.

The release of Mr Coleridge and Mr Traboulsi has undoubtely bolstered Mr Saad's prestige in Lebanon. Less than two weeks ago it was his personal mediation which determined the release of two Scandinavian UN relief workers who were also seized near Sidon.

Mr Khaled's presence at the news conference was a statement in itself. He clearly sought to portray the Palestinians, regardless of their divisive political affiliations, as jealous defenders of their security, not hostage-takers like pro-Iranian Shia Muslim radicals.

● LONDON: Mr Coleridge's wife, Angela, said yesterday: "I knew in my heart he would not be away for long. He's a cool, collected person who handles awkward situation very well. I imagine he's been cool and collected throughout."

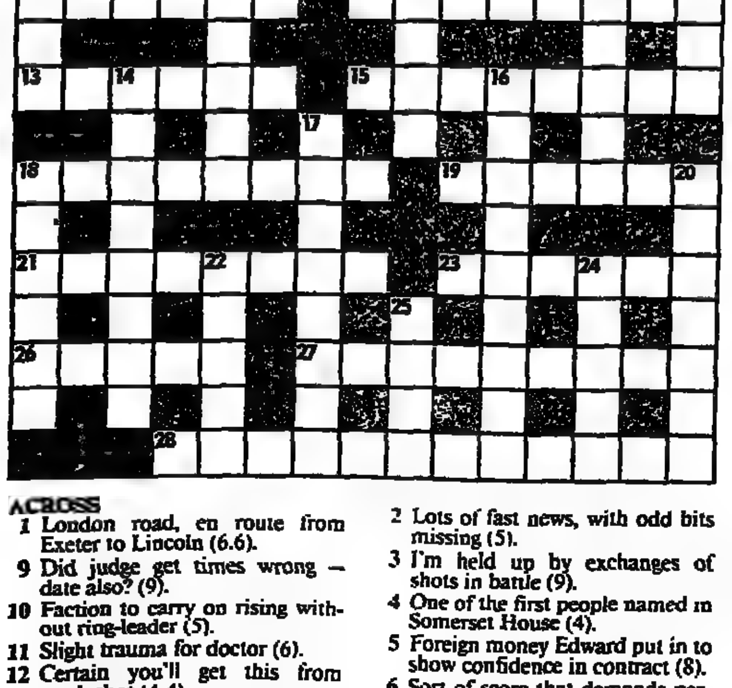
Mrs Coleridge, aged 43, hurried from the college where she is studying to her home in North Field Road, Headington, near Oxford, soon after getting a phone call from Oxfam telling her Mr Coleridge had been freed.

Her children, Sara, aged 11, Jessie, aged 12, and Edward, aged five, were told the news when they returned from school.

"That's great," said Jessie. "I can't wait for him to come home. It's been awful without him."

Oxfam said it was not known when Mr Coleridge would return to Britain.

THE TIMES CROSSWORD PUZZLE NO 17,612



ACROSS

1 London road, en route from Exeter to Lincoln (6.6).
9 Did judge get times wrong – date also? (9).
10 Faction to carry on rising without ring-leader (5).
11 Slight trauma for doctor (6).
12 Certain you'll get this from crack shot (4-4).
13 Grandmaster's opening with added scope? (6).
15 Careless mistakes brick-carrier can make (8).
18 Sort of licence required for cart, is it? (8).
19 Other team member initially in good shape for county (6).
21 Flower one found on short walk (8).
23 Persian singer gets male almost beside himself (6).
26 Key locks piece of furniture (5).
27 Fish cooked in lard – chips, too (9).
28 It's not popular, as a rule (12).

DOWN

1 Moves at first opportunity (7).
2 Lots of fast news, with odd bits missing (5).
3 I'm held up by exchanges of shots in battle (9).
4 One of the first people named in Somerset House (4).
5 Foreign money Edward put in to show confidence in contract (8).
6 Sort of score that demands perfect pitch? (5).
7 Point captured by European side – one finishing top of table (8).
8 Insert pages in a final section? (6).
14 Stuff that's relevant (8).
16 Writer, as opposed to drawer with pencil? (9).
17 State of short race described in novel (8).
18 To criticize like this can be offensive (6).
20 Male type so quiet he's feeble (7).
22 Inn – the main one around the river (5).
24 Flog what might be silver (5).
25 Accidental result of nail on road? (4).

WORD-WATCHING

A daily safari through the language jungle. Which of the possible definitions is correct?

By Philip Howard

BRANDIS
a. A trivet
b. To bluster
c. Semi-distilled spirit

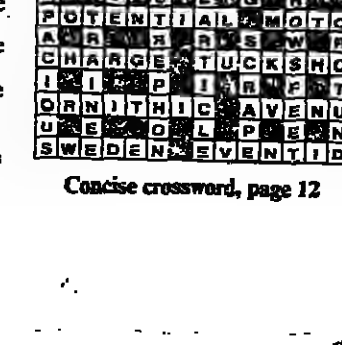
CURSUS HONORUM
a. A political career
b. Part of the Cambridge Tripos
c. Champions' relay race

STRIPPERS
a. Cocktails
b. Forged cards
c. Fast women

MERDAILLON
a. Ornament on a wedding cake
b. A Black Watch sabretache
c. An arrogant nurk

Answers on page 20, column 1

Solution to Puzzle No 17,611



Concise crossword, page 12

WEATHER

Much of southern England and Wales will start dry with bright spells. Northern England, north Wales, Northern Ireland and southern Scotland will be cloudy at first with rain gradually spreading south. As the rain clears it will be brighter in many northern parts and fairly mild everywhere. Outlook: Some rain is likely in northern and western parts.

ABROAD

MIDDAY: t=thunder; d=drizzle; fg=fog; s=sun; sl=sleet; sn=snow; f=fair; c=cloud; r=rain

	C	F			C	F	
Ajaccio	15	59	s	Malta	13	55	c
Akrotiri	16	61	c	Melb'rne	32	90	c
Alex'dria	18	64	s	Mexico C*	19	66	c
Algiers	16	61	c	Miami*	24	75	c
Athens	13	55	c	Montreal*	4	39	c
Bahrain	25	77	s	Nairobi	28	82	f
Barbads*	28	82	f	Naples	14	57	f
Bermuda*	23	73	f	N Delhi	21	70	r
Biarritz	11	52	c	N York*	13	55	s
B Aires*	26	79	f	Nice	14	57	s
Cairo	19	66	f	Perth	27	81	f
Cape Tn	28	82	s	Rhodes	15	59	c
C'blanca	17	63	s	Rio de J	28	82	s
Chicago*	12	54	s	Riyadh	35	95	s
Ch'church	13	55	c	Rome	13	55	s
Corfu	14	57	c	S F'risco*	14	57	s
Dublin	9	48	c	Santiago*	22	72	f
Dubrovnik	10	50	c	S Paulo*	25	77	c
Faro	17	63	s	Sing'por	23	73	r
Florence	15	59	f	Sydney	23	73	s
Funchal	16	61	c	Tangier	17	63	f
Geneva	5	41	f	Tel aviv	17	63	f
Gibraltar	19	66	s	Tenerife	18	64	c
Hong K	13	55	c	Tokyo	9	48	s
Innsbrck	1	34	f	Toronto*	4	39	f
Istanbul	10	50	r	Tunis	13	55	f
Jo'burg*	24	75	s	Valencia	20	68	s
L Palmas	19	66	f	Vanc'ver*	7	45	c
Lisbon	15	59	s	Venice	9	48	f
L Angels*	16	61	c	Vienna	2	36	c
Luxembg	2	36	f	Warsaw	2	36	c
Madrid	13	55	s	Wash'ton*	16	61	s
Majorca	15	59	f	Wel'nton	13	55	r
Malaga	19	66	s	Zurich	1	34	sn

* denotes Monday's figures are latest available

HIGH TIDES

TODAY	AM	HT	PM	HT
London Bridge	4.49	6.7	5.13	6.6
Aberdeen	4.20	3.7	4.30	3.8
Avonmouth	10.09	12.0	10.20	11.4
Belfast	1.59	3.0	2.26	3.2
Cardiff	9.54	11.1	10.05	10.6
Devonport	8.13	5.0	8.29	4.8
Dover	1.35	6.2	1.54	5.9
Falmouth	7.43	4.8	7.59	4.6
Glasgow	3.47	4.6	3.57	4.8
Harwich	2.44	3.8	3.08	3.6
Holyhead	1.12	5.1	1.26	5.1
Hull	9.25	6.7	9.38	6.8
Ilfracombe	8.54	8.3	9.11	8.0
Leith	5.40	4.9	6.00	5.0
Liverpool	2.04	8.6	2.18	8.6
Lowestoft	12.17	2.3	12.46	2.1
Margate	2.43	4.5	3.14	4.4
Milford Haven	9.12	6.3	9.31	6.1
Newquay	8.05	6.4	8.25	6.2
Oban	8.29	3.6	8.50	3.4
Penzance	7.17	5.1	7.34	4.8
Portland	9.37	1.7	9.59	1.6
Portsmouth	2.24	4.3	2.40	4.1
Shoreham	1.50	5.8	2.10	5.5
Southampton	1.47	4.3	2.03	4.1
Swansea	9.15	8.7	9.31	8.5
Tees	6.43	4.8	6.57	4.9
W'ton-on-Nze	2.37	4.0	3.01	3.9

Tide measured in metres: 1m=3.2808ft. Times are GMT

AROUND BRITAIN

	Sun hrs	Rain in	Max C	F	
Scarboro	-	-	8	46	dull
Bridlington	-	-	7	45	cloudy
Cromer	1.0	-	7	45	bright
Lowestoft	6.1	.03	8	46	shower
Southend	-	-	8	46	cloudy
Folkestone	4.4	-	8	46	sunny
Worthing	0.1	-	9	48	cloudy
Littlehmptn	0.1	-	10	50	cloudy
Bognor R	-	-	7	45	dull
Sandown	-	-	10	50	dull
Bournemth	0.8	-	12	54	cloudy
Swanage	1.2	.04	11	52	drizzle
Weymouth	1.6	.01	13	55	bright
Exmouth	-	-	10	50	cloudy
Torquay	-	-	12	54	cloudy
Falmouth	-	-	10	50	cloudy
Penzance	-	-	10	50	cloudy
Scilly Isles	-	-	9	48	cloudy
Newquay	-	.01	10	50	cloudy
Ilfracombe	-	.01	10	50	sunny
Minehead	1.3	-	11	52	cloudy
Morecambe	1.2	-	8	46	cloudy
Douglas	-	.04	10	50	bright
Carlisle	1.7	.02	11	52	shower
Nottingham	1.9	-	10	50	bright
Anglesey	3.7	.03	11	52	rain
Tenby	0.6	.04	10	50	cloudy
Aviemore	2.2	.01	10	50	rain
Eskdalemuir	2.0	.06	10	50	shower
Kinloss	1.1	.03	13	55	bright
Lerwick	0.2	.06	8	46	rain
Prestwick	1.3	.02	10	50	cloudy
Stornoway	0.4	.13	11	52	rain
Tiree	-	.12	10	50	rain
Wick	0.6	.07	11	52	shower

* Denotes figures not available

THE POUND

	Bank Buys	Bank Sells
Australia $	2.58	2.44
Austria Sch	22.25	21.15
Belgium Fr	66.30	63.10
Canada $	2.38	2.26
Denmark Kr	12.12	11.52
Finland Mkk	7.70	7.30
France Fr	10.70	10.20
Germany Dm	3.17	3.01
Greece Dr	253	233
Hong Kong $	14.65	13.95
Ireland Pt	1.19	1.13
Italy Lira	2335	2225
Japan Yen	244	232
Netherlands Gld	3.555	3.385
Norway Kr	12.00	11.40
Portugal Esc	258	245
South Africa Rd	4.05	3.85
Spain Pta	212	201
Sweden Kr	11.28	10.73
Switzerland Fr	2.60	2.48
USA $	1.905	1.815
Yugoslavia Dnr	2800	2200

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London: The *FT* index closed down 5.1 at 1457.7.

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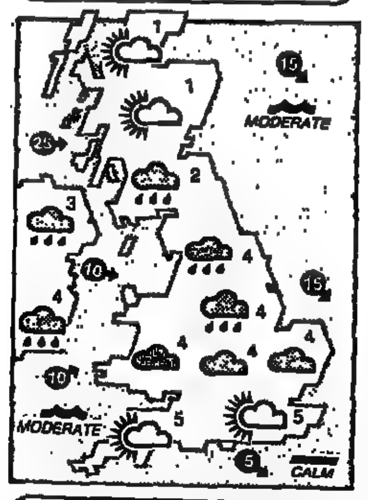

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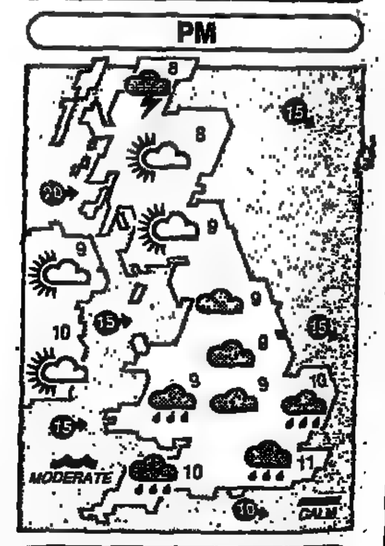

LIGHTING-UP TIME

London 6.25 pm to 5.56 am
Bristol 6.35 pm to 6.05 am
Edinburgh 6.34 pm to 6.11 am
Manchester 6.32 pm to 6.05 am
Penzance 6.48 pm to 6.16 am

LONDON

Yesterday: Temp: max 6 am to 6 pm, 10C (50F); min 6 pm to 6 am, 6C (43F). Humidity: 6 pm, 67 per cent. Rain: 24hr to 6 pm, nil. Sun: 24 hr to 6 pm, 0.1 hr. Bar, mean sea level, 6 pm, 1025.5 millibars, rising.
1,000 millibars=29.53in.

Sun rises: 6.28 am — Sun sets: 5.55 pm
Moon sets: 7.59 am — Moon rises: 1.14 am
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HIGHEST & LOWEST

Monday: highest day temp: Torquay, Devon, 12C (54F); lowest day max: Lerwick, Shetland, 5C (41F); highest rainfall: Douglas, Isle of Man, 0.19 in; highest sunshine: Clacton, Essex, 8.4 hr.

MANCHESTER

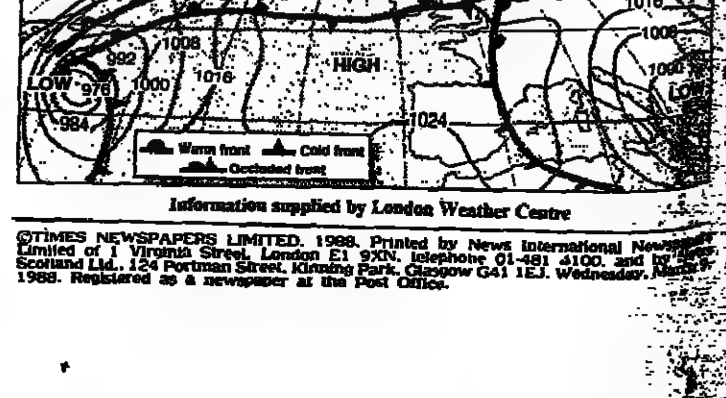
Yesterday: Temp: max 6 am to 6 pm, 10C (50F); min 6 pm to 6 am, 5C (41F). Rain: 24hr to 6 pm, 0.02 in. Sun: 24 hr to 6 pm, 1.8 hr.

YESTERDAY

Temperatures at midday yesterday: c, cloud; f, fair; r, rain; s, sun.

	C	F			C	F	
Belfast	9	48	c	Guernsey	9	48	f
B'rmgham	9	48	c	Inverness	9	48	c
Blackpool	8	46	f	Jersey	11	52	c
Bristol	11	52	c	London	8	46	c
Cardiff	11	52	c	M'nchster	8	46	c
Edinburgh	11	52	c	Newcastle	9	48	c
Glasgow	9	48	r	R'nldsway	9	48	c

NOON TODAY



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FT-SE 100
1815.0 (–3.2)

Bargains
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USM (Datastream)
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THE POUND

US dollar
1.8415 (+0.0245)

W German mark
3.0689 (+0.0245)

Trade-weighted
77.0 (+0.8)

Marks plans US invasion

Food operation could go into 800 stores

By Alexandra Jackson

Marks and Spencer is set to extend its successful food retailing operation into the United States through up to 800 department stores Campeau Corporation would control if its $6.5 billion (£3.5 billion) bid for Federated Department Stores succeeds.

Marks and Spencer has signed a definitive agreement with Campeau, a Canadian real estate group, to buy Brooks Brothers, the menswear retailer, for $770 million.

The agreement with Campeau provides M&S with opportunities to expand its US operations both through *extending the Brooks Brothers* chain and through its own other retail outlets, including the Canadian subsidiary, D'Allaird's.

However, the whole project remains dependent on Campeau's acquisition of Federated. The Campeau approach is being challenged by Macy's of the US. Federated's board has come out in favour of Macy's bid, which is virtually equal to Campeau's.

If the Brooks Brothers deal goes through, Marks and Spencer will have a three-year *exclusive right to rent space* for food retailing in the Campeau department stores of its choice. Virtually none of the stores currently retails food.

According to Mr Keith Oates, Marks and Spencer's finance director, Campeau is very attracted by the prospect of developing a food retailing operation to increase traffic through its stores.

However, City commentators were disappointed that M&S would have to pay commercial rents for the space. "All this does is add to the already high consideration Campeau is asking for Brooks Borthers," said one analyst. M&S also revealed it is to receive preferential treatment for five years to rent space at shopping centres owned or operated by Campeau.

Of the $770 million Marks and Spencer would pay for Brooks Brothers' 47 wholly *owned US outlets stores* and 51 per cent-owned 12 Japanese stores, $720 million is for the assets of the business and $50 million for a non-competing clause.

This clause prevents Campeau opening another speciality menswear chain in North America or Japan for five years. Mr Oates indicated that Marks and Spencer should be able to write off the $50 million against Brooks Brothers' profits, thus reducing the purchase price.

The price is to be met in part by a $450 million 10-year promissory note issued by Marks and Spencer. This will have a fixed coupon of 8.5 per cent a year. The balance of $320 million will be paid by Marks and Spencer's internal resources.

City analysts remained sceptical about the move into the US. A confidentiality clause has prevented the British company from revealing any information about Brooks Brothers' profitability. On *face value the purchase has* been greeted by the market as a very expensive one, even taking into account Brooks' reputation as a quality retailers, estimated to earn high profit margins.

Mr Oates said: "Campeau is very confident that it is going to succeed. If the deal goes through it will have gone a long way to meet Marks and Spencer's international ambitions in a very short time."

There is no possibility of Marks having to increase its bid, now the definitive agreement has been signed. But Campeau has the option to go ahead with the sale of Brooks Brothers to Marks and Spencer *even if it fails* to buy Federated.

Campeau has also entered *into a conditional agreement* to sell two of Federated's department store operations, Filene's in Boston and Foley's in Houston, to May Department Stores for $1.5 billion if the Federated deal succeeds.

TI renews $144m bid for Bundy

TI Group, the engineering company, has renewed its $144 million (£80 million) offer for Bundy, North America's largest manufacturer of specialized small diameter tubing. It abandoned the bid at the end of October because of uncertainties created by the stock market crash.

The new bid is at the same *price of $40 a share, but is* worth £10 million less in sterling. TI has agreed that Bundy shareholders will receive special dividends of $3 a share payable in three equal instalments this year in recog*nition of Bundy's better than* expected performance.

Since last October, Bundy has reported two quarters' results both strongly ahead of expectations.

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Pentos soars

Pentos, which owns Dillons, Athena and Ryman, increased pretax profits in the year to the end of December from £5 million to £7.8 million. A final dividend of 1p was declared making a total of 1.3p (0.95p).

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Blagden leap

Blagden Industries, the drums, packaging and plastics group, lifted pretax profits from £6.04 million to £8.02 million in 1987. Earnings rose to 15.2p a share and a final *dividend of 4p a share is being* paid making at total of 7.7p (7.2p).

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Macy tries to delay offer

New York (Reuter) — RH Macy and Co has filed a complaint in the US District Court alleging that Campeau Corporation's offer for Federated Department Stores is a *new offer under US law and* must be held open for a minimum of 20 business days.

It names Campeau, Mr Robert Campeau, the chairman, and a Campeau subsidiary as defendants, and claims that the Campeau offer cannot expire on March 15 as scheduled.

Macy is also seeking to acquire Federated.

Macy claimed Federated shareholders have not been provided with sufficient time to consider the terms of the Campeau offer which were filed yesterday with the Securities and Exchange Commission.

Macy said its complaint alleges that the Campeau documents contain "material mis-statements and omission of fact." It also seeks a declaration from the court that a provision in a Macy-Federated merger agreement regarding redemption of stock purchase rights is enforceable.

"We think the suit is nonsense. Our offer has been amended, it's not a new offer. Our original offer was an offer *to purchase all shares of* Federated in cash. This is still an offer to purchase all shares in cash, there's just been a change in the payment structure," a spokeswomen for Campeau said.

CBI voices cost worries to Parkinson

Cost concerns: Cecil Parkinson (left) meets Sir David Nickson of the CBI yesterday (Photograph: Denzil McNeelance)

Industry secures promise on electricity

By David Young
Energy Correspondent

British industry has lost its battle to prevent industrial prices for electricity rising next month, but has won a promise from the Department of Energy that the effect of higher prices on industrial competitiveness will be closely monitored.

Mr Cecil Parkinson, the Secretary of State for Energy, yesterday met a delegation from the Confederation of *British Industry, led by Sir* David Nickson, its president, after CBI protests about the proposed prices rises due in April this year and next.

The rise, the CBI estimates, will add about 10 per cent this year and a slightly lower amount next year to industry's electricity costs.

The CBI argues that companies are being asked to meet higher energy costs — for some of the heavy users in the chemicals and steel industries electricity accounts for 70 per cent of costs — when they are being urged by the Government to use all their available funds to reinvest in plant and equipment

The Government, on the other hand, says that as electricity accounts for only 0.2 per cent of industry's average costs, companies should be seeking to make savings by keeping wage settlements in line with inflation.

The CBI said the meeting had resulted in an agreement that officials from both sides will keep in touch.

Price-fixing cartels to face tough penalties

By Colin Narbrough

The Government yesterday unveiled plans to outlaw price-fixing cartels and other restrictive practices, and impose fines worth up to 10 per cent of turnover on offending companies.

The Office of Fair Trading will be empowered to initiate *investigations into cases* where it suspects anti-competitive practices and it will be given tough entry and search powers to help it obtain the information it requires.

Third parties who have suffered financial or other damage because of an anti-competitive pact will be able to seek legal redress under the new system.

The radical proposals are contained in a Green Paper, "*Review of Restrictive Trade Practices*," announced by Lord Young, Secretary of State for Trade and Industry. It is the latest part of the Government's wider review of competition policy ordered in June 1986. Legislation is not expected before the next parliamentary session.

The proposals focus on the "effects" of practices which limit competition, rather than the legal form, bringing British cartel law more into line with EEC policy.

Lord Young hailed the consultative document as a major step towards the DTI's key objective of tackling restrictive practices, cartels and monopolies.

The proposals call for the prohibition of anti-competitive, collusive agreements. *Explicitly identified are* accords fixing prices and charges which determine the effective net price, including recommendations by trades and professions.

Other categories listed are collusive tendering, market-sharing agreements, prohibitions or restrictions on advertising or information, and collective refusals to supply or to deal with suppliers, or discrimination against customers.

The Government feels that present legislation lacks "bite" against serious anti-competitive pacts, gives the OFT inadequate powers to deter secret cartels, and provides ineffective penalties.

Furthermore, it regards the present system as complex and costly, and sees it exempting too many professional bodies. The Government now wants the professions to have to justify their exemptions.

The Green Paper details the scope for exemptions, putting forward the EEC rules as a precedent. These include cases where agreements improve production and distribution or technical progress, and those in which consumers receive a fair share of the resulting benefit.

NZI buys Arbuthnot for £39m

By Richard Thomson
Banking Correspondent

NZI Bank, a subsidiary of one of New Zealand's largest companies, is buying Arbuthnot Latham, one of the City's oldest and smallest merchant banks, for £39 million. Nordbanken, the seller, has owned Arbuthnot for only 18 months.

NZI Bank is part of NZI Corporation, the New Zealand life assurance company which is 34 per cent owned by Sir Ron Brierley. The purchase of Arbuthnot is part of a programme of expansion in Europe and follows the acquisition in December of Foreign Commerce Bank in Zurich.

NZI's first foray into the London banking market came last year when it bought a 15 per cent stake in *Hill Samuel*, realizing a substantial profit when the merchant bank was sold to the TSB Group.

Mr Peter Greenhalgh, director of corporate finance at Arbuthnot, said: "When Nordbanken decided four months ago to sell us, we approached NZI Bank because we already knew them well and we knew they were looking for a way into London.

"We expect to become much more profitable with NZI," said Mr Greenhalgh.

Construction industry boom buoys Expamet

Expamet International, the building materials and security group, increased its pretax profits by 32 per cent last year to £8.4 million.

The advance at the earnings per share level was restricted *to 10 per cent — to 15.9p* — because of the higher number of shares in issue after the acquisition of Cash & Security Equipment.

Building profits jumped 41 per cent to £2.6 million on the back of a buoyant construction industry, while the group's market leadership and technological advances in hydraulic accumulators enabled industrial profits to rise 60 per cent to £3.3 million.

The security division was disappointing. Turnover jumped 40 per cent, helped by acquisitions, but profits were static at £2.5 million.

Since the year-end, the company has disposed of its troubled Expanded Metal Corporation in the US for $2.3 million (£1.3 million), just below asset value. It has also sold Special Metals in Britain to Amax Corporation.

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Former Times building sold

The building formerly occupied by *The Times* in Gray's *Inn Road*, London, has changed hands in a deal worth £29 million. The new owner is Chelsfield, a private company run by developer Mr Elliott Bernerd. Mr Tony Clegg, who runs the property company Mountleigh, had paid £22.5 million for the newspaper building last April.

Mr Bernerd said he plans to hold the 196,000 sq ft building as an investment. It is currently let to the Manpower Services Commission and is producing a rental income of £2.2 million a year.

Mr Bernerd said: "The building is situated in an area which is set to improve over the next few years, with the planned redevelopment of the King's Cross site."

Mr Clegg and Mr Bernerd have been involved in deals before. Last year, Mr Clegg paid £365 million for Stockley, the property group which Mr Bernerd helped to put together.

Mr Bernerd, who was also chairman of Morgan Grenfell Laurie, the estate agents, has been building up a property portfolio based mainly in the West End.

The sale of the Gray's Inn Road building completes a hectic dealing period for Mr *Clegg. Earlier this week, he* sold a portfolio of properties to Mr Nazmu Virani's Control Securities for £88 million, after collecting £200 million for Beaufort House in the City.

TV-am removes Saudi vote

By Cliff Feltham

TV-am, the troubled commercial television station, has removed the voting rights on the controversial Saudi Arabian stake in the company.

The action follows last week's ruling from the Independent Broadcasting *Authority* which ordered TV-am to sort out the affair or face closure.

In a brief statement yesterday TV-am said it had served a notice in respect of the 15 per cent stake, "the *effect of which is to disenfran*chise those shares on the ground that they are held by a restricted investor as defined in the company's articles of association."

Beaverbrook Investments, the parent company of Aitken Telecommunications Holdings which holds the stake, is looking for a buyer. Non-EEC *stakes in independent tele*vision companies are not allowed to exceed 10 per cent without IBA permission.

Last week the IBA said the stake must be reduced below 10 per cent and effectively set *a deadline for the end of this* month. Ansbacher, the merchant bank organizing the auction of the shareholding, said that as the Saudi owners had never intended to use their voting power, the de*cision to disenfranchise* made little difference.

However, the Government has now said that it intends to put the franchises of independent television companies up for auction when the present *contracts expire.*

The possibility of this happening may deter potential bidders for the holding, although the bankers insist that TV-am would still be in a strong position to re-bid for the franchise.

Quantum Fund, the offshore mutual fund run by Mr George Soros, the Wall Street investor, which already owns 6.7 per cent of TV-am, has had *an offer of £13 million for the* Saudi stake rejected.

HK investors put up a novel defence for non-payment

Gambling on a legal loophole

From Stephen Leather, Hong Kong

Those who believe that financial markets are more about gambling than smoothing the progress of commerce *and* industry will find encouragement in an obscure defence filed in the Hong Kong Supreme Court.

Two investors are claiming that they do not have to pay their losses on futures contracts on the grounds that futures are *gambling. And gambling, other than* horse racing and a lottery, is illegal in Hong Kong.

Chine Kit, the futures broker, in which Mr Ronald Li, the former stock exchange chairman, was formerly a shareholder, is suing two investors for non-payment, following the October stock market crash.

When counsel for the two small investors claimed that his clients did not have to honour their commitments because the contracts were illegal under the Gambling Ordinance of 1710, Mr Justice Sears surprised the financial community by agreeing that the contracts' legality was "arguable" and that he was willing to hear arguments on the issue at a date to be fixed.

Chine Kit had argued that the contracts were legal under the 1976 Commodities Trading Ordinance, which originally included trading in cotton, *gold, soya beans and sugar.*

Futures index contracts were added in 1986, but the judge said that, as futures were not a tangible item, it would have to be decided whether or not it was actually a form of gambling.

Insider trading, meanwhile, is clearly not illegal and is unlikely to be made so. Rather than bring in regulations, the Hong Kong Stock Exchange said yesterday that it would prefer to increase market surveillance and to ensure that price-sensitive information is made public as quickly as possible.

The stock exchange statement gave a *warning that there would be* "dangers and pitfalls" if legislation was brought in. "Legal cases are brought infrequently against insider dealers because of the inevitable complexity of the case and the difficulty of proving knowledge of confidential information by an individual," the statement said.

Not everyone agrees. Miss Susan Selwyn, the Hong Kong exchange's deputy chief executive, said: "Insider trading undermines confidence in the market. We must come up to international standards.

Even Mr Robert Yue, the chairman of the exchange's management committee, wants insider trading made illegal. He *said the mere fact that laws prohibiting* the use of inside information were in place would act as a deterrent.

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New York	
Dow Jones	2073.94 (+17.57)*
Tokyo	
Nikkei Average	25465.73 (–150.85)
Hong Kong:	
Hang Seng	2493.33 (+22.93)
Amsterdam: Gen	239.5 (+1.4)
Sydney: AO	1316.4 (–7.7)
Frankfurt:	
Commerzbank	1394.8 (+1.1)
Brussels:	
General	5021.7 (+48.1)
Paris: CAC	296.1 (–1.9)
Zurich: SKA Gen	461.1 (–5.5)
London:	
FT.–A All-Share	931.17 (–1.74)
FT.– "500"	1024.75 (–1.43)
FT. Gold Mines	242.2 (–0.3)
FT. Fixed Interest	97.05 (+0.25)
FT. Govt Secs	90.53 (–0.06)
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MAIN PRICE CHANGES

RISES:	
Body Shop	555p (+25p)
Elys (Wimbledon)	695p (+20p)
Merivale Moore	360p (+20p)
Cardiff Property	375p (+25p)
Mersey Docks	290p (+18p)
Perry Group	230p (+17p)
Avis Europe	330½p (+12p)
Wellcome	488½p (+13p)
Dubilier	151½p (+15p)
Morgan Crucible	263½p (+14p)
EIS Group	276½p (+19p)
Rank Organisation	691p (+17p)
FALLS:	
Coalite	307½p (–13p)
Parrish	235p (–15p)
Kleen-E-Ze	735p (–20p)
Honda Motor	687p (–25p)
Hardanger	600p (–25p)
Rungis	274½p (–15p)
SA Breweries	332½p (–10p)
Broken Hill	276p (–12p)

Closing prices

INTEREST RATES

London: Bank Base: 9%
3-month interbank $9\frac{1}{16}$-$8\frac{15}{16}$%
3-month eligible bills: $8\frac{23}{32}$-$8\frac{21}{32}$% buying rate
US: Prime Rate 8½%
Federal Funds 6⅛%*
3-month Treasury Bills 5.75-5.73%*
30-year bonds $103\frac{13}{32}$-$103\frac{15}{32}$*

CURRENCIES

London:	New York:
£: $1.8415	£: $1.8405*
£: DM3.0699	$: DM1.6685*
£: SwFr2.5302	$: SwFr1.3770*
£: FFr10.3861	$: FFr5.6495*
£: Yen235.34	$: Yen128.05*
£: Index:77.0	$: Index:93.5
ECU £0.676437	SDR £0.758388

GOLD

London Fixing:
AM $435.70 pm-$436.35
close $437.25-437.75 (£237.25-237.75)
New York:
Comex $436.60-437.10*

NORTH SEA OIL

Brent (Apr.) pm $14.05bbl ($14.20)
* Denotes latest trading price

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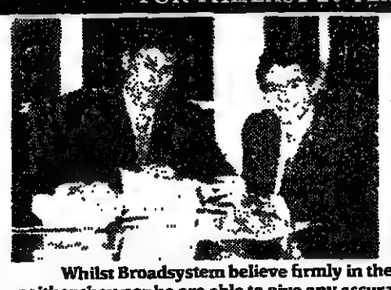

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BUSINESS ROUNDUP

Lambert Howarth steps up to £2.1m

Lambert Howarth Group, which supplies women's fashion shoes and slippers to Marks and Spencer and makes Custom and Globetrotter luggage, reported pretax profits of £2.1 million in the year to the end of December, a rise of 3.8 per cent compared with the previous year. Turnover was 26.6 per cent ahead at £42 million.

Mr Martin Jourdan, chairman, said the increasing fashion content in shoes had led to pressure on margins. Custom Synthetics, the luggage maker bought last April, contributed £150,000 after financing costs. Interest costs rose to £217,000 from a credit of £12,000. The total dividend was increased by 21.4 per cent to 8.5p, which is covered 3.2 times by earnings.

Marcol rises to £461,000

Marcol, the computer software group in which Smiths Industries has a 10 per cent stake, reported pretax profits of £461,000 for the six months ended December, compared with £404,000. Interim turnover was £3.46 million (£2.31 million) and a maiden interim dividend of 0.73p was declared. Marcol shares, placed at 115p, rose 3p to 96p.

Sinclair plans full listing

William Sinclair Holdings, the plant breeder, seed specialist and garden leisure group, plans to apply for a full Stock Exchange listing. Pretax profit for the half year ended December was £823,000 (£522,000) on a turnover of £8.48 million (£5.59 million). The interim dividend is raised from an adjusted 1.5p to 2p a share. The shares rose 5p to 360p.

Optician raises sights

Miller & Santhouse, the Liverpool optician, is opening a new outlet every week, a rate of expansion which shows up in profits growth. The six months to end-December have produced doubled pretax profits of £502,000 against £251,000, lifting earnings per share from 3.38p to 6.46p. The interim dividend rises from 0.75p to 1.25p.

The group came to the USM in October 1986 with 22 shops. By the end of last December, it had 54 and today it has 63.

Merivale lifts interim profit

Merivale Moore, the property investment and development company, raised profits before tax from £3.3 million to £3.4 million in the six months to December 31. Turnover was up from £8.8 million to £10.7 million and an interim dividend of 2.25p will be paid. The company is expecting a solid improvement in profits over the rest of the year.

Spong group leaps to £1m

Spong Holdings, the housewares, retail services and clothing group, made pretax profits in the year to the end of October of £1 million compared with £385,000. Sales almost doubled to £20.1 million. Mr Stephen Barclay, the chairman, said the group had started the year with no gearing and a sounder base. The final dividend rose to 0.4p from 0.3p.

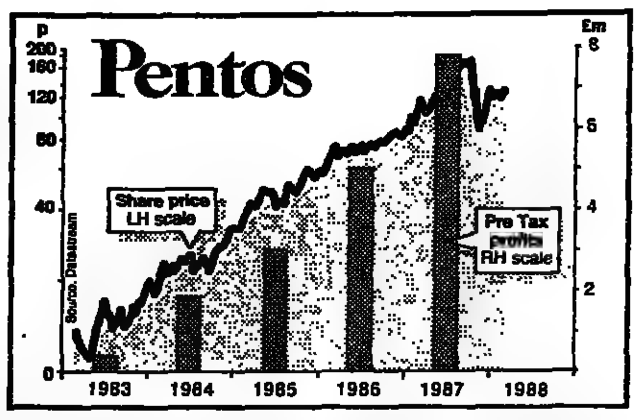
Bluebird Toys payout

Christmas sales of award-winning Manta Force toy sets helped lift pretax profits at Mr Torquil Norman's Bluebird Toys group from £1.74 million to £2.49 million in 1987. The USM-quoted company is paying a 6.205p-a-share dividend, against 4.615p last time, out of earnings of 25.2p a share.

Mr Norman reckons children are moving back to more traditional toys, which is particularly good for Peter Pan, the Etch-a-Sketch to Plasticine business acquired for £3.5 million. Bluebird has 3 per cent of the British toy market.

TEMPUS

Pentos has designs on the top spot for Dillons stores



Pentos believes store design is the key to successful bookselling. And it is hard to disagree, given the 57 per cent increase in sales after the revamping of Dillons' flagship store in the heart of University of London territory in Bloomsbury.

This leaves Dillons' number one shop vying with Foyles for the title for largest turnover and most profitable bookshop in the world.

The design-led Dillons format has had a successful start in Oxford where Blackwells has traditionally dominated the market.

A new 13,000 sq ft store is selling at an annualized rate of £3 million a year while the neighbouring Blackwells claims not to have noticed the new arrival.

Cambridge has also been earmarked for a new large Dillons, although it may find the competition from Heffers more difficulty to break.

Specialist retailing accounts for 62 per cent of operating profits. It now includes the Ryman stationers and office equipment stores, as well as Dillons and Athena bookshops and Athena galleries.

Ryman made £0.9 million pretax in the four-and-a-half months since acquisition. As a seasonal business, it is expected to double this in a full year. A new design for the 67 Ryman stores is to be unveiled within a few months.

Net sales area, excluding Ryman, increased by 25 per cent to 255,000 square feet last year. Pentos is experimenting with mixed retailing formulae such as including Ryman units within new Dillons stores. It is also developing a broader appeal Athena print and gift chain.

The property development arm, which evolved from the group's retail interests, is now a separate profit centre. Its profits advanced by 40 per cent last year but should return to a more steady 25 per cent growth this year.

The office furniture design and manufacture business increased profits by 50 per cent last year. It too is expected to grow by 25 per cent this year. New warehousing and manufacturing plant will cost £2 million but will help consolidate the division's improving market position.

Pentos is spending £15 million this year, three quarters of which is on the retailing chain. In the medium term the group aims to build up a 600-unit retail chain covering 1 million sq ft of space.

Pentos had a cash surplus after borrowings last year but the capital investment programme will push gearing up. Pentos should make £11 million in 1988, putting the shares on a p/e of 15.4 times. The rating is on the high side, but progress in the specialist retailing market is very promising.

Expamet Int

The usual justification for grouping unrelated businesses under one management roof is that it makes profits less volatile. When one business is doing badly, the others do well.

This is fine in theory. But in practice, such a formula can be a quicksand, asprofits are constantly being dragged under by one division or another. The truly excellent year, usually referred to as next year, remains forever out of reach.

Expamet International, with its building, industrial and security activities, is still struggling to swim free. The building division did badly in 1986, part of the knock-on effect of the bad weather in that year which held back the entire construction industry.

Last year it was the high-flying security division which came a cropper. With engaging candour, the company explains that it experienced nothing more than the normal "glitches" it expects from companies newly taken over. A downturn in profits is only to be expected after the former owners have fattened up their companies for sale.

Three 1986 acquisitions in this division — Maximal, Hoseworth and Video-Scan — chalked up losses of more than £300,000 last year, representing a swing of close to £700,000 compared with what the companies should have been contributing. The net effect was that a 40 per cent jump in security turnover left profits static at £2.5 million.

A combination of new management, cost-cutting, and the benefits of integration, should allow profits from these new subsidiaries to make a strong advance this year. And, undeterred by its experiences, Expamet expects to make acquisitions in the security business in the near future. It is looking to the fragmented US industry, with its long experience in this field, to yield advanced technology which can be transferred to Britain.

Inevitably, shareholders are left wondering which division will let the side down this year. If none does, earnings could advance by 20 per cent, putting the shares on a prospective multiple of around 9.3, a lowly rating which suggests that investors are taking nothing on trust. The dividend is covered just over twice, and the 5.5 per cent gross yield is attractive.

Blagden Industries

Blagden Industries has litle wrong with its figures, even though steel drums and formaldehyde might not prove the most glamorous mix of businesses.

Indeed, the figures look all the better for the slimming diet undertaken during the past year. The market whistled its approval of a 33 per cent leap in pretax profits to £8.02 million by lifting the shares by 4p to 179p.

Under its new management, Blagden is steadily changing its spots.

The old drum business is ex-growth, while plastic packaging — from drums to bottles — and chemicals have been earmarked as the areas for expansion.

In packaging in particular, the big competition is on the Continent.

Blagden — which made nearly 80 per cent of its packaging profits across the Channel last year — knows it needs to build on its European operations urgently, if it is to be in the right position when the barriers drop in 1992.

Now that the troubled Spanish operation is back in profit and saleable, while the unwanted Billericay site is finally about to get the planning approval needed for Blagden to pocket its £5 million worth, more acquisitions can be expected.

The shares buy 11.7 times historic earnings. Not exciting, but a comfortable hold.

STOCK MARKET

Beecham jumps 8p on hopes for new heart drug

We should hear some good news later this week from Beecham about Eminase,its new heart drug which has been undergoing stringent medical tests during the past few months.

The group has called a Press conference for Friday at which Beecham's scientists will reveal their findings and the board is expected to outline prospects for the new drug. The meeting will also coincide with publication of a report about the performance of Eminase in *the Lancet*, the medical journal.

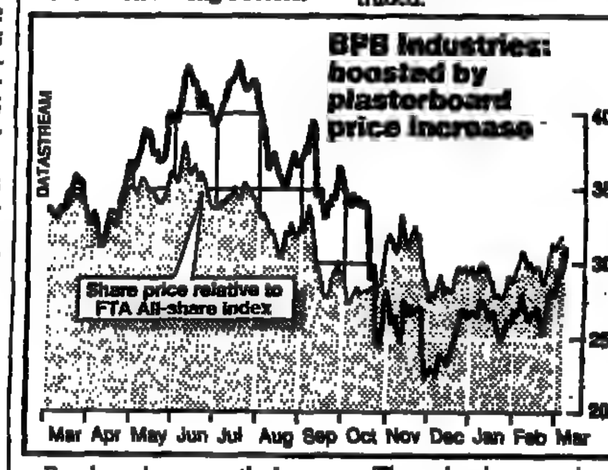
The market also caught wind of Friday's meeting and, hoping for a positive outcome, chased the price 8p higher to 485p on turnover of 4.5 million shares.

Eminase has been developed to treat patients who have just suffered a heart attack and could provide keen competition for exisiting heart drugs like Genentech's TPA in the US. Some details of the tests are already known in the City.

A total of 1,004 patients took part in the tests — half of whom were treated with Eminase. The other patients were treated using standard therapy. The tests covered two periods.

The first was more than 30 days where the survival rate for Eminase was 95 per cent compared with 88 per cent for those treated with standard therapy. The second period covered 360 days producing a suvival rate for those suffering a heart attack and treated with the new drug of 91 per cent, while those on standard treatment fell to 81 per cent.

Dealers are hoping these tests mean that Eminase will soon get the green light for distribution among doctors.



Beecham has recently been undergoing a number of changes under Mr Bob Bauman, the $1 million-a-year chairman of the group. He has pulled together the consumer products division and sold off the unwanted parts of the business.

The group's lack of exposure to the weakened dollar has also endeared it to analysts who rate it a "buy" in times of uncertainty.

It was certainly performing well yesterday against its main

Eurotunnel shares rose above their 350p issue price for the first time yesterday, when its units ended 3p higher at 338p and the warrants closed at 27p. Loose stock left after the flotation has been absorbed, and French and American investors are showing an increased interest.

rivals Glaxo, down 12p at £10.62, and ICI, 13p easier at £10.13. Both suffer from currency fluctuations.

Elsewhere in the market, the Prime Minister's warning that sterling's strength this week would not force an early reduction in interest rates, saw share prices suffer a late setback.

But selling pressure was light and prices closed off the bottom, helped by an early 16-point rise on Wall Street.

The FT-SE 100 share index, down 9.4 at one stage, eventually closed 3.2 lower at 1,815.0. The narrower FT 30 share index finished 5.1 points down at 1,457.5.

Gilt-edged stocks had a volatile session, replacing earlier gains of £¼ with closing losses of £½ following Mrs Thatcher's remarks.

Life insurance companies were nervous ahead of Tuesday's Budget on fears that the Chancellor will alter the basis of how the industry is taxed.

Citicorp Scrimgeour Vickers, the broker, is taking a cautious view and telling clients to sell some of their holdings in the sector.

Abbey Life was a casualty, closing 12p down at 262p with more than 1.5 million shares changing hands, while Prudential also came on offer falling 9p to 853p. Legal &

Wellcome, whose drug Retrovir is leading the fight against Aids, continued to respond to this week's World Health Organisation Aids conference at the Barbican. It finished yesterday with a rise of 13p to 489p. Phillips & Drew, the broker, has just made Wellcome its "action stock" of the month.

General retreated 5p to 282p and London & Manchester dropped the same amount to 280p.

Even Pearl, in which Mr Larry Adler's FAI Insurance Group holds a 6.46 per cent stake, was dragged lower finishing 10p cheaper at 457p.

News of a 2.23 per cent increase in the price of plasterboard and other building material products from April 5 prompted demand for BPB Industries, the Slough-based building materials group. The shares touched 310p before closing 7p higher at 307p as three million shares were traded.

The price increase is good news for BPB which says demand for its plasterboard is already 10 per cent up this year.

This is in spite of increased competition from Redland, the brick and roofing tile manufacturer, which announced last September that it was going to challenge the group's plasterboard monopoly.

BPB shares have been a firm market on suggestions it was about to diversify by bidding for Marley, the DIY and tiles group.

United Biscuits fell 9p to 261p on turnover 4.4 million shares on suggestions it may be about to pay too much for the Ross Foods and Young Foods subsidiaries of Hanson's Imperial Group.

Panmure Gordon, the broker, says UB is a buy and the shares should outperform if the Ross-Young situation is resolved and the annual figures provide further evidence that the group is about to enjoy stronger earnings growth.

A report in this column yesterday that Elders IXL, the Australian brewer headed by Mr John Elliott, was trying to add to its 2 per cent holding in Scottish & Newcastle, the brewer, prompted further demand for the shares which closed 8.5p higher at 268½p — for a two-day rise of 18.5p.

Michael Clark and Geoffrey Foster

EEC given warning on free trade

By Colin Narbrough

Lord Young of Graffham, the Secretary of State for Trade and Industry, yesterday said that Europe must achieve an "open and competitive" economy, if it wants to preserve its standard of living in a highly competitive world.

Addressing an American Chamber of Commerce lunch in London, he said that the alternative of protectionism was a "cheap political cop-out"

His comments on protectionism were probably intended equally for the American members of the audience, although he made no explicit reference to political pressure in the United States for protectionist measures.

If level playing fields were to be established in the international economy, protectionism had to be discarded, he said. That did not mean a totally unregulated situation, but economies had to be devised that offered incentives.

To remain competitive, the European Economic Community had to keep an eye on the US-Canada free trade area and developments in the Pacific Basin.

The Government had taken the British economy a long way towards the American model by giving the individual more choice. The privatization programme and the sale of council houses were evidence of the progress made under Mrs Thatcher in freeing up the economy, he said.

Perry's sale threat to estate agencies

By Colin Campbell

Perry Group, the motor distributor holding Ford, GM, Volvo and other franchises, will consider selling its 12 estate agencies unless they quickly move into profit, Mr Richard Allan, the chairman, warned yesterday.

Perry's estate agency operations ran up trading losses of £500,000 in the year ended December, compared with an 1986 loss of £96,000

"If they do not perform to budget by the end of the first quarter — and a small loss is expected, but then they are expected to move into profit — they will have to go," Mr Allan said.

Despite that setback, Perry Group turned in a 28 per cent profit advance in its 1987 financial year, taking pretax profits to £6 million on turnover that rose from £171.4 million to £232.4 million.

A final dividend of 5.3p makes a year's payment of 7.3p (6p).

The shares rose strongly, from 213p to 233p, before settling back at 230p. IEP Securities, a company associated with Sir Ron Brierley, the New Zealand entrepreneur, holds a 10.81 per cent stake in Perry Group.

Higher profits were achieved from all motor-related operations: hire purchase, new and used cars, van and truck sales, and parts.

Perry Group said that while it aims to increase its various motor dealer franchises, which went up from eight to 17 last year, and is hoping to secure an eighth franchise from Ford, the opportunities for growth in Britain will soon run out.

The group is, therefore, starting to look for acquisition opportunities in the United States.

£6m bid by Community Hospitals

By Alison Eadie

Community Hospitals, the unquoted British healthcare group, has launched a £6.6 million cash bid for the USM-quoted West Yorkshire Independent Hospital in which it has a 46.9 per cent stake.

The offer is worth 155p a share against a pre-bid price of 133p for West Yorkshire shares. West Yorkshire said yesterday that it was waiting for details of the bid and the board would then meet to decide its response.

Community Hospitals is the largest investor-owned British healthcare group. Its pretax profits in the year to the end of June 1987 were £1.2 million against £300,000 the previous year on a turnover of £4.1 million against £2.7 million.

West Yorkshire made pretax profits in the year to the end of June of £709,000, a rise of 16 per cent over the previous year.

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Halifax Building Society aims to issue credit card

By Vivien Goldsmith

The Halifax Building Society is racing to become the first building society to issue its own credit card. Britain's largest building society announced yesterday that it plans to launch a credit card in early summer.

It is in talks with both Visa and Access, but the card will be backed by the Halifax itself and not by an intermediary bank. Before the card is launched, the society will have to ask its members to vote on the issue. The vote will take place at the annual meeting in May.

The question was to be put to Halifax members last year but the society was concerned that card holders might run up debts of more than £5,000 — the limit on unsecured lending imposed on all building societies.

A special order went before Parliament at the end of last year to free societies from the worry of inadvertently breaching their lending rules. It is now proposed to lift building societies' unsecured lending limit to £10,000.

The Abbey National Building Society, the second largest society, already has permission from its members to go ahead and launch a Visa credit card, but it has not pursued the issue.

Leeds Permanent received permission from its members to issue a Visa card in January.

The Halifax is dedicated to developing plastic money systems and is set against developing its existing cheque account. In June it became one of the first building societies to join Bankers Automated Clearing Services and later became the first non-bank member of Eftpos, the automatic point-of-sale payments system which also eliminates the need to write cheques.

The Halifax has unveiled annual results that show the battering the building societies have taken in the face of greater competition from the banks on mortgages.

The amount advanced on mortgages edged up by just 2 per cent to £7,310 million, compared with a leap of more than 25 per cent in the previous year. The number of new mortgages fell from the 1986 peak of 271,000 to 224,000.

The number of loans to first-time buyers declined from 110,000 to 88,000 — its lowest level for three years.

The Halifax maintains that it has kept its 20 per cent share of the building society mortgage market.

Mr Richard Hornby, the Halifax chairman, said: "With more players in the mortgage market it was not surprising that the building society share of lending dipped in 1987. So in June and July we at the Halifax took positive steps to reduce our mortgage rates and regain our competitive position. The benefits showed through in the second half of the year."

●The Mortgage Corporation announced yesterday that its total lending has reached £1 billion in the 23 months since it was launched.

Facing competition: Halifax chief executive John Spalding (centre), with Richard Hornby (left) and chief executive-elect Jim Birrell

Dares in 582% leap to £5.1m

By Cliff Feltham

Dares Estates, the fast-growing property company, turned in sharply higher profits last year, and the board is taking an optimistic view of prospects.

For last year, pretax profits went up from £750,000 to £5.1 million — an increase of 582 per cent. Earnings per share rose from 0.54p to 2.12p.

Mr Ervin Landau, the chairman, said the company is confident about the future, despite last October's market crash, and has entered into a number of new commercial and residential projects costing £32 million.

Contributions from these schemes are expected to flow through in 1989 and 1990.

During the year, gross rental income rose from £1.1 million to £2.8 million.

The company is paying a final dividend of 0.4p, making a total of 0.5p for the year.

Meanwhile, another property company, City Merchant Developers — which plans a £90 million merger with Imry International — yesterday reported pretax profit for last year of £8.7 million, compared with a loss of £149,000 in the previous year. The improvement reflects the takeover of Mayfair and City Properties.

Contracts for roads lift Green

Ernest Green and Partners, the structural and civil engineering company, revealed pretax profits up by a quarter to £947,000 at the half-year stage. Turnover was up 55 per cent to £3.6 million.

The interim dividend was raised from 1.5p to 1.75p net. Shares rose 5p to 208p.

The company said that while structural engineering remained its main activity, civil engineering is accounting for an increasing proportion of turnover. It has completed 16 road design projects, including three road bridges.

Green's Bristol office, which opened last year, is making a material profit contribution, and two further regional offices will be established over the next few months.

COMMENT David Brewerton

No more holidays for pensions lemmings

Pension fund holidays, which have boosted cashflows and profits of many companies operating in the heartland of industry, will be a feature of the past, if markets have another year like 1987. For the first time in a decade, the return on pension funds lagged behind the increase in average earnings. Another year of 3.4 per cent investment returns against earnings increases of more than double that will leave employers dipping into their pockets more deeply than they have grown accustomed to doing.

Black Monday sorted the men from the boys in the pension fund management area. The first of the major surveys on pension fund performance during 1987 discloses an unprecedentedly wide variation between the good and the bad, or perhaps the lucky and the unlucky.

At the rough end of the scale, the lowest quartile produced a negative return, or overall loss, of 13.9 per cent on capital during the year. At the top end, the rate of return was a spectacular 40 per cent. At the worst end, the performance was the poorest in 10 years, but at the top the return has been bettered only three years in the last decade. Both the median and average results, at a positive return of 3 per cent and 3.4 per cent respectively, are miserable.

Professional managers are still suffering the lemming instinct, and they went over the cliff on October 19 virtually fully invested and with a record exposure to equities. Needless to say, their performance as a whole was substantially worse than the return on the FT All Share.

Brought to account

The job of sponsor to a new issue is to spruce up private companies for public consumption. The changes demanded may range from ceasing to run the family yacht on the business account to radical personnel changes. But in doing battle with the client, the relationship can come under such severe strain that the client goes off in search of a new sponsor in mid-issue.

So clients come and clients go, in a way that is unknown in the auditing business. Firing your sponsor, usually a merchant bank, goes unreported. But firing your auditor creates big public relations problems.

It is strange, therefore, that accountants should want to sponsor new issues for their audit clients — such as Ernst & Whinney's sponsorship of Second Secured Property Development's shares.

Do the accountants really want to put at risk the regular annual income from the audit fee for the feast and famine of new issues? And might it not be difficult for a firm to report as independent auditor to the very shareholders it persuaded to invest in the company?

TI Group eyes its lost love

Ever since October, TI Group has been staring moodily across the Atlantic at its lost love, Bundy, the small diameter tubing maker. TI called off the takeover of Bundy in the aftermath of Black Monday, because of the uncertainty after the market collapse. Now it has agreed terms again, and for the second time, TI Group's shareholders are to be called to a meeting to approve the purchase.

TI's final giving into the temptation to buy was prompted by Bundy's results for the two quarters which ended in January. Despite the market crash, Bundy, which sells half its turnover into the automotive industry, has been zipping along, with profits emerging far higher than had been expected. Earnings for the 12 months to January are 20 per cent higher than earnings for the 12 months to July.

The collapse of share prices has not, however, allowed TI to buy any more cheaply. It had been expected, by the City if not by TI itself, that TI would be able to buy at a lower level, but in fact the price has gone up rather than down. The base agreement of $40 a share remains, but Bundy will be paying to its outgoing shareholders dividends totalling $3 a share "in recognition of Bundy's better than expected performance".

The point is that the performance is better than was expected when the deal was negotiated *before* the crash, which raises some questions about the reliability of the forecasts. But at least the weakening of the dollar has reduced the sterling price by some £10 million, allowing some room for upsets. TI also has the comfort of $200 million of proceeds from the sale of unwanted parts of the Houdaille business earlier this year.

TI's results are due tomorrow, and analysts are expecting pretax profits of £60 million for 1987, double the level of only two years earlier. The company has shed its old image and has a rating which reflects all that has been achieved. It can afford no mistakes.

Michael Peters up 70% at half time

By Alison Eadie

Michael Peters, the USM-quoted marketing services consultancy, made pretax profits in the six months to December 31 of £530,000, a rise of 70 per cent, on turnover 49 per cent higher at £7.5 million.

Clear progress has been made in all areas of activity, particularly in the corporate communications and retail divisions, Mr Michael Peters, the chairman, said.

The company is well ahead with the merger of the recent acquisitions of Hambrecht Terrell International in New York and Spectrum in London, which have virtually doubled the company's size. Mr Peters said a number of promising joint opportunities had been identified from the cross-reference of clients.

He said the company's international business continued to grow with project gains from Seagrams, Johnson & Johnson, Procter & Gamble and Rowntree Mackintosh in North America and BP Services and Jacob Suchard in Europe. Peters is also working on projects for two Japanese companies.

The interim dividend is raised to 1.5p from 1.2p.

GWR switches on for USM debut

By Michael Clark, Stock Market Correspondent

GWR Group, the West Country independent radio group, which was the subject of a merger last year between Wiltshire Radio, Radio West and Plymouth Sound, starts trading on the USM on Monday.

Stock Beech, the stockbroker, has arranged an introduction of the shares at 225p each, valuing the company at £3.3 million. The group has 200 shareholders, including Aspen Communications with 23.4 per cent, and Bristol United Press with 6.9 per cent.

GWR covers three potential areas designated by the Independent Broadcasting Authority — Bristol and Bath, Swindon/West Wiltshire and Plymouth and south-east Cornwall. Its presenters include David "Kid" Jensen and David Hamilton and it has a potential audience of 2.1 million.

Last year it increased pretax profits for the year to September 30, from £99,111 to £415,972.

GWR hopes to use its public listing to obtain other independent radio franchises and is looking to compete in the allocation of national independent radio franchises.

Leigh Interests makes £9.7m cash call

By Carol Ferguson

Leigh Interests, the waste disposal specialist, is asking its shareholders for £9.7 million by way of a 1-for-4 rights issue at 165p a share.

Leigh's directors also forecast that pretax profits for the group will rise by at least 62 per cent for the year to the end of this month, to not less than £4 million.

Leigh is raising the money to invest in its continuing businesses and to make acquisitions.

Over the last year, the group has made 15 acquisitions for a total £5.7 million paid for partly in cash and partly in shares.

It is now in negotiation with a number of potential acquisitions, and the board wants to increase its flexibility through having the resources to pay cash.

Leigh also plans to spend £3.9 million next year on modernizing its waste handling equipment as part of its drive to increase efficiency. In the short term, the proceeds of the rights issue will eliminate group debt of £7.4 million.

Mr Bill Pybus, Leigh's chairman, said that the profits growth of 62 per cent over last year's result reflects a continuing healthy trend.

"A great deal of rationalization is taking place within the UK waste disposal industry," he said. "The rights issue will enable us both to broaden our range of environmental activities, further increase our geographical spread and continue our programme of additions to and replacement of capital equipment."

Leigh's activities include the collection, treatment, recovery, recycling, containment and disposal of waste and effluent materials, and its acquisition strategy is designed to broaden the range of its activities.

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Peter Mead will be biting his fingernails today — and not just because his advertising agency, Abbott Mead Vickers, is reporting its year-end results. Such announcements from the hotshot agency are traditionally nothing but happy occasions — but today will be different. For, purely by chance, it coincides with National No Smoking Day, and even though AMV is renowned for refusing to handle any accounts associated with cigarettes, South Africa or nuclear fuels, Mead, aged 48, admits that he is a 40-a-day man. "I've been smoking since I was 16," he tells me. "I've tried to give up in the past but if I do I put on at least a couple of stone — and it's difficult to know which is worse." Mead, the only one of the three founders who smokes, insists that he will, however, manage to do without the dreaded weed for at least 24 hours. AMV is, after all, responsible for the Health and Education Authority's £275,000 campaign. "We're having the analysts' meeting especially early, so that my withdrawal symptoms won't be too pronounced, and we will be putting out the normal quota of ashtrays for journalists, although they will have to watch our anti-smoking ads first," he tells me. Last year, 2.5 million of Britain's 16 million smokers gave up for the course of National No Smoking Day, and 50,000, it appears, say thay they managed to stop for good.

Fun, love and money

The heart-throb of Smith New Court is, it seems, Peter Kearney, head of the firm's small-order department. His contribution of £100 to the Wishing Well appeal of The Hospital for Sick Children in Great Ormond Street was the largest single donation to come from the firm's romantic leap year fundraising enterprise. Bringing the Smith New Court total to £1,250 — with male colleagues suffering a £1 penalty for every rebuffed proposal and £5 for those accepted — caddy Kearney gallantly agreed to quadruple his departmental total of £25. The highly paid market-makers and equity salesmen were almost as generous, but one or two Scrooges were to be found wearing badges saying they had already given a pound. Those responsible for collecting the money, however, counted no fewer than 200 £5 notes, indicating, it is estimated, one company wedding every weekend for the next four years.

Keeping tabs

With Marks and Spencer still hoping that its $770 million purchase of Brooks Brothers, the preppie US menswear chain, will go through, Barry Hyman, an M&S public affairs executive, was seen at the recent launch of the group's new-home furnishing catalogue sporting a light blue shirt with a button-down collar. "This is not a Brooks Brothers shirt," he was heard to say, "but one of ours".

"Never thought the chairman would ever swap his Rolls for a rover"

Thanks, but...

Headhunters hoping to add the scalp of Peter Leslie, deputy chairman of Barclays Bank, to their belts had better think again. Although Leslie will be giving up his job as managing director of the bank, he still has an important role, as deputy to chairman John Quinton. I hear Leslie returned from Japan last week, where he fronted a series of investor roadshows, to a mountain of letters from people concerned about his future. But I can assure them that this banker is not for hire.

Tough at the top

David Ruder, chairman of America's Securities and Exchange Commission, is philosophical about the perils of being a regulator in the wake of the City campaign against Sir Kenneth Berrill, his British counterpart. "I don't expect to be unpopular, but I did not take this job to be popular and I don't care too much if I'm not," he told me yesterday at his Mayfair hotel. Ruder, in London for a private conference today about improving the clearing and settlement of securities deals, says the interest in co-ordinating regulation between the different markets has risen sharply since Black Monday. There is, he reveals, even a club of regulators called the International Organization of Securities Commissions, which discusses everything from disclosure to protection against fraud and manipulation. On the latter he assures me that there will soon be more revelations in New York about current insider-dealing investigations. But he is far too discreet to say whether or not these will spill across the Atlantic.

● No, it is not yet All Fool's Day. And yes, Geest, the fruit importer, really has appointed one Tony Slipper as managing director of its banana activities. The news raised so many eyebrows in the City yesterday that the Stock Exchange announcements department contacted the company to check that it was for real. Slipper joins the company from Cadbury Schweppes.

Carol Leonard

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THE MOST WEEKDAY FLIGHTS BETWEEN HEATHROW AND AMSTERDAM.

BRITISH MIDLAND

ICI chief to lead engineers' council

By Derek Harris
Industrial Editor

Mr Denis Filer, director of engineering at Imperial Chemical Industries (ICI) since 1981, is to be the new director-general of the Engineering Council.

The council was set up by Royal Charter in 1982 to promote engineering and advance the education and training of professional engineers.

Mr Filer, aged 55, will take over from Dr Kenneth Miller, the council's first director-general, on August 1.

Mr Filer joined ICI in 1955 and by 1978 had risen to become engineering and production director of the plastics division.

He established a centralized engineering department carrying through a £450 million-a-year capital programme in the United Kingdom and continental Europe and has also been involved with part of ICI's worldwide capital programme, totalling £700 million a year.

Denis Filer: starts in August

Mr Filer is a Fellow of the Institution of Mechanical Engineers and the Fellowship of Engineering.

Sir Francis Tombs, chairman of the Engineering Council, described Mr Filer as "an industrialist who has close links with the engineering institutions and deep knowledge and experience in the field of education and training." Sir Francis also paid tribute to the work of Dr Miller in helping to establish the council as an important national body.

Growing pressure in US to resist foreign invasion

From Bailey Morris
Washington

The political backlash caused by the surge in foreign takeovers of US companies is growing ugly. It could result in restrictive legislation that would have the most negative impact on British and Japanese companies, according to high-level Administration officials.

But Mr William Verity, the US Commerce Secretary, said in an interview with *The Times* that the Reagan Administration would resist these pressures strongly during its final months, aiming to buy enough time to counter fears that America was being forced to sell its business jewels. This theme has raised a strongly nationalistic chorus during the presidential election campaign.

The Administration's own studies revealed that foreign ownership of US property and business remained relatively small, despite recent highly publicized deals. Britain leads in direct foreign investment, estimated at $60 billion (£32.8 billion), followed by The Netherlands and Japan.

Foreign involvement includes Campeau Corporation of Canada's $6 billion bid for Federated Department Stores; the $1.86 billion offer of Italy's Pirelli group for Firestone Tire & Rubber; the $4.35 billion hostile bid of BAT Industries for Farmers Group of Los Angeles; Beazer's £720 million offer for Koppers; and the $7 billion in commercial property deals consummated by the Japanese.

Buying time: William Verity, US Commerce Secretary

Mr Verity, who makes the point that this infusion of foreign capital is good for the US economy, said the backlash had been overblown, on the basis of the actual figures. "We hear the Japanese are buying up America, but our studies show that direct foreign ownership is still small, although growing. It has created jobs. It has also, in some cases, shaken up US management, which is not necessarily a bad thing."

But Mr Verity acknowledged that if the takeover wave began to affect sensitive US industries, then controls would be enacted.

He personally would sanction controls only if the acquisitions affected a "militarily-sensitive business" or resulted in monopolies in key industries. As the trade debate unfolds in Congress, however, there are moves afoot to limit foreign control of US banks, and to require foreign investors to disclose their identities and holdings for the first time.

Both measures are part of trade legislation under negotiation by House and Senate officials. Both are opposed by the Reagan Administration.

Mr Clayton Yeutter, the US Trade Representative, gave a warning that the backlash against foreign acquisitions had grown to the point that it was cause for concern at the highest levels of the Administration. The buying has occurred because the decline in the dollar has made US assets cheap and attractive.

Mr Felix Rohatyn, a senior partner of Lazard Frères & Co, the investment bank, said that in the national interest the US should consider a "legal mechanism" to review potential foreign investments if they occurred in highly concentrated industries or other sensitive parts of the economy.

He said: "No major industrial power in the world, certainly not Japan and not Britain, allows foreign control of strategic companies to be acquired without government approval."

Leading congressmen echo these sentiments and predict that the US will pass stringent controls "before we wake up one morning and find that whole industries are dominated by the British and the Japanese", in the words of Mr John Bryant, a Texas Democrat.

Warning about growth of 'high-tech entrepreneur'

Hague attacks business schools

By Roland Rudd

Britain's business schools are in danger of ignoring the crucial issues of the new industrial and technological revolution, said Sir Douglas Hague, one of the founders of the Manchester Business School.

Sir Douglas yesterday gave a warning to students and academics of the London Business School that they must begin to address the problems that technological change will bring in the next five years.

He predicted that in 1990 the world would be looking for a new type of businessman, with the ability to operate as a "high-tech entrepreneur", and able to take advantage of the impact of new technology and the trend towards smaller businesses.

"So far, most business schools have not taken a blind bit of notice of these trends," he said, "and in five years' time they could be completely out of touch with the modern business world.

"The failure of the educational and traditional business establishment to recognize both the value of the entrepreneur and the need for training programmes to foster skills is threatening Britain's ability to compete," he added.

"British entrepreneurs are more appreciated in the US than they are here, because the Americans have developed a successful entrepreneurial culture."

Sir Douglas urged business schools to co-operate with industry, because the latter would always have far greater capital assets at its disposal.

By seeking input from businessmen in the design and content of syllabuses, students would gain from real problem studies and not just theories, he said.

Yet, because academics lacked the confidence to seize such initiatives, several business schools have refused offers of expertise and resource assistance from companies at the sharp end of changing business practice, he added.

Sir Douglas, who lectures at Templeton College, Oxford, blamed the University Grants Committee for the current inadequacies of British management education.

"It has done more to hamper successful development of relevant management education than any other body in the country," he said, "because it applies the wrong criteria for judging successful business schools. There is too much emphasis on theory and writing for learned journals, and not enough on real contact with business practice."

In order to move away from the over-emphasis on theory, Sir Douglas advocated more part-time study, integrated with actual business experience, and predicted that actually attending school would soon become increasingly irrelevant, as distant learning through television, video and satellite communication became more widely used.

Bensons profit up to £722,500

Bensons Crisps, the USM-quoted crisp manufacturer, made pretax profits of £722,529 in the year to November 28, against £420,181 the previous year. Turnover rose to £12.6 million from £10.5 million. Total dividend was 0.5p.

The company said its new-product development and capital investment made last year will provide opportunities this year.

Imports hit footwear market

By Our Industrial Editor

Footwear imports into Britain have reached "frightening" proportions, according to the latest quarterly survey by the British Footwear Manufacturers Federation.

The survey reveals that import penetration of the British retail market reached 64 per cent in 1987, compared with 61 per cent in 1986.

The federation blames the imports flood on "uncontrolled surges" from Far Eastern producers. Imports volume was up 15 per cent during the year, but in the final quarter there was a sharp increase to 24 per cent.

The federation said: "The explosion in Far Eastern imports is frightening, both in its volume and also in its spread into lines directly competitive with some of our most efficient producers."

Although many manufacturers have remained working at or near to normal levels, this has often been achieved only by cutting prices to maintain the volume, the survey reports.

Deliveries into the trade in 1987 were down 7.5 per cent at 120 million pairs.

The one cheering 1987 development for the British manufacturers is the growth in their exports.

In the year, these exceeded 20 million pairs for the first time since 1977. It was the biggest proportion of output so far achieved.

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WALL STREET

Dow edges higher in early trade

New York (Reuter) – Wall Street shares showed small gains over a fairly wide area in early trading yesterday, but blue chips were pulling back from their best levels.

The Dow Jones industrial average was up 7.98 points to 2,064.32 at one stage when the transport indicator rose 2.82 to 853.50 while the utilities average slipped 0.29 to 179.65. Advancing issues led declining shares by a two-to-one margin.

● Standard and Poor's yesterday changed the implications of its credit review of Montgomery Ward Credit Corporation's $600 million (£328 million) of BBB-minus senior debt to positive from developing rating. Montgomery is a subsidiary of Mobil Corp.

	Mar 7	Mar 4
AMR Cp	43¼	42¾
ASA	48	47¼
Aetna Life	47½	47¼
Allied Signal	33¾	33¼
Allis Chlm	1⅛	1⅛
Alcoa	46¼	45⅞
Amax Inc	18¼	17¾
AMR Hess	28⅝	28
Am Brands	46¼	45⅞
Am Cynmd	52¼	52⅛
Am Ele Pwr	28⅛	28⅝
Amexs	27⅞	27⅛
Am Family	14⅞	14¾
Am Home	80⅛	80⅛
Am Int Grp	57⅜	57⅜
Am Stand	73¾	72½
Am Telph	28⅝	29
Amoco Cp	73⅝	72⅝
Anheuser B	31⅞	32⅛
Armco Steel	11⅞	11¾
Asarco Inc	24	24
Ashland Oil	62⅞	63⅛
Atl Richfld	75⅛	74½
Avon Prod	23⅛	24
Bk Boston	24⅞	25⅛
Bank NY	29⅝	30
Bankamer	8⅛	8⅛
Bkrs Tst NY	36⅛	36⅛
Baxter	24⅝	24⅝
Beth Steel	21⅝	21⅛
Boeing	47⅛	47
Boise Casc	47⅜	47⅝
Borden	56⅛	55⅞
Bristl Meyr	44⅝	44⅛
BP	55⅛	53⅛
Brunswick	20⅛	20⅛
Burl Nth	68⅝	69⅝
CBS	164	164⅛
CMS Engy	16⅛	16⅞
CPC Int	46⅝	47
CSX Cp	29	29⅞
Camp Soup	28⅛	29⅛
Can Pacific	18⅝	18⅛
Caterpillar	64⅝	64
Centrl SW	31⅝	32⅛
Champion	37	36⅝
Chase Man	25⅞	25⅛
Chem NY	24⅛	24⅛
Chevron	45	44⅛
Chrysler	24⅝	24⅜
Citicorp	20⅝	21⅝
Clark Eq	26	26⅝
Coca Cola	37⅝	38⅛
Colgate	44⅝	45
Columb Gas	32⅝	33⅛
Cmb'tn Eng	33⅛	32⅛
Cmwlth Edi	28⅝	28⅛
Cons Edis	44⅝	44⅛
Consol Ng	35⅝	36⅛
Cont Data	28⅛	28⅛
Corning Gl	55⅝	56⅛
Crane	29⅛	29⅛
Curtiss W	52⅛	52⅛
Data Gent	26⅛	27⅛
Deere Co	44⅛	44⅛
Delta Airl	48	48⅛
Detroit Edi	14⅛	14⅛
Digital Eq	124⅛	121⅝
Disney	61⅝	60⅛
Dow Chem	88	88⅛
Dresser Ind	29⅛	29⅛
Dupont	84⅛	85⅛
Duke Pwr	46⅛	46⅛
East Kodak	43⅛	43⅛
Eaton Cp	73	73⅛
Emerson El	34⅛	35
Emery Air	7⅛	7
Exxon	42	42⅛
Farah Inc	9⅛	9⅛

	Mar 7	Mar 4
Fedders	8	7½
Firestone	63⅛	49⅞
Fst Chicago	22⅝	23½
Fst Int Bncp	46⅛	46⅛
Fst Penn C	10	10
FT Wachva	38⅝	38⅝
Ford Motor	46	46⅝
GAF Cp	54⅛	53
GTE Cp	38⅝	38⅝
Gen Cp	22½	22½
Gn Dynam	54⅛	53⅝
Gen Electric	43⅝	44⅛
Gen Inst	32⅛	31⅛
Gen Mills	50⅝	50⅝
Gen Motors	72	71½
Gen Pub Ut	32⅛	32⅛
Genesco	4⅛	4⅛
Georgia Pac	37⅛	37⅛
Gillette	40⅛	40⅝
Goodrich	50⅛	48⅛
Goodyear	50⅝	51⅝
Gould Inc	12⅛	12⅛
Grace Co	28⅛	27⅝
Grt Atl Pac	38⅛	38⅛
Greyhnd	32⅛	31⅛
Gruman	19⅛	18⅝
Gulf & West	80⅛	81
Heinz	43	42⅛
Hercules	51⅝	49⅛
Hewlett Pk	63	63⅛
Honeywell	65⅛	65
IC Ind	36⅛	35⅛
ITT Cp	48⅛	48⅛
INCO	22⅝	23⅛
Ing Rand Wi	37⅛	37⅛
Inland Steel	33⅛	33⅛
IBM	117⅝	116⅝
Int Paper	44⅛	44⅛
Irving Bk	54⅛	54⅛
Jhsn & Jhsn	82⅛	82
K Mart	34⅛	33⅛
Kaisertech	11⅛	11⅛
Kerr McGee	35⅛	35⅛
Kimberly Clrk	57⅛	58⅛
Kraft	55⅛	55⅝
Kroger	29⅛	30⅛
LTV Cp	3⅛	3⅛
Litton	83⅛	83
Lockheed	44⅛	44⅛
Lucky Str	30	30
Man H'nver	26⅛	26⅛
Manville	2⅛	2⅛
Mapco	52⅛	52⅛
Marriott	31	31
Mt Marrieta	46⅛	47
Masco	26⅛	26⅛
Mcdonalds	45⅛	46⅛
McDonnell	63⅛	63⅛
Mead Cp	40	38⅛
Merck	163⅛	163⅛
Minsta Mng	58⅛	57⅛
Mobil	44⅛	43⅛
Monsanto	88⅛	88⅛
Montedison	10⅛	10⅛
Morgan Jp	36	36
Motorola	48⅛	47⅛
NCR	65⅛	64⅛
NL Indstrs	7⅛	7⅛
Nat Md Ent	22⅛	21⅛
Nat Semi	12⅛	12
Norfolk Sth	29½	29⅛
NW Bancrp	43⅛	43⅛
Occid Petl	26	26
Ogden Cp	31⅛	31⅛
Olin Cp	53	52⅛
PPG Ind	40⅛	40⅛
Pac Gas El	17	17
Pan Am	2⅛	3
Penney JC	47⅛	48

	Mar 7	Mar 4
Pennzoil	74⅛	72⅛
Pepsico	35⅛	35⅛
Pfizer	55⅛	55⅛
Phelps Dod	40½	40⅛
Philip Mor	93⅛	92⅛
Philip Ptrl	14⅛	14⅛
Polaroid	36	33⅛
Primerica	30	30⅛
Proct Gble	80⅛	81⅛
Pub SE Gr	24⅛	24⅛
R Nabsco	51⅛	51⅛
Raytheon	68⅛	69⅛
Rynlds Metl	43⅛	42⅛
Rockwell Int	18⅛	18⅛
Royal Dutch	113⅛	111⅛
SFE Sopac	23⅛	23⅛
Sara Lee	42⅛	43⅛
Schlumb	33⅛	34⅛
Scott Pap	76⅛	75⅛
Seagram	56⅛	56⅛
Sears Roeb	38⅛	38⅛
Shell Trans	74⅛	71⅛
Singer	49⅛	49
Smith Beck	58⅛	58⅛
Sony Cp	40⅛	40⅛
Sth Cal Edi	31⅛	32⅛
SW Bell	37⅛	37⅛
Squibb	66⅛	65⅛
Sterl Drug	n.a	n.a
Stevens JP	58⅛	56⅛
Sun Comp	53⅛	53½
TRW Inc	48⅛	48⅛
Teledyne	331½	330⅛
Tenneco	42	42⅛
Texaco	45⅛	45⅛
Tex Eastn	32⅛	32⅛
Texas Inst	54⅛	54⅛
Tex Utl	28⅛	28⅛
Textron	23	24⅛
Travelers	35⅛	37
USG	39⅛	39⅛
USX Cp	33⅛	33⅛
Unilever Plc	36⅛	36⅛
Un Carbide	23⅛	24⅛
Un Pac Cp	60⅛	59⅛
Unisys Cp	36⅛	36⅛
Utd Brands	48	48⅛
Us West	54⅛	55
Utd Tech	39⅛	39⅛
Unocal	36	34
Warn Lamb	74⅛	74⅛
Wells Far	55⅛	55⅛
Westg El	51⅛	51⅛
Weyerhsr	42⅛	43
Whirlpool	29	29⅛
Woolworth	45⅛	45⅛
Xerox Cp	58⅛	58⅛
Zenith	19⅛	18⅛

CANADIAN PRICES

	Mar 7	Mar 4
Agnico Eag	18⅛	18⅛
Alcan Alum	36⅛	35⅛
Algoma Stl	17.62	18.12
Can Pacific	23⅛	23⅛
Cominco	16⅛	16⅛
Con Bathrst	18⅛	18⅛
Hawk S Can	21⅛	21⅛
Hud Bay M	21⅛	21⅛
Imasco	28	27⅛
Imperial Oil	56⅛	57⅛
Int Pipe	45	45
Royl Trstco	15⅛	15⅛
Seagram	71	70⅛
Shelco 'A'	38⅛	36⅛
Thmsn N 'A'	27⅛	27⅛
Vanity Cp	3.90	3.75
WCT	17	16⅛
Weston	32⅛	32⅛

HONG KONG

Index rises by over 22 points

(Reuter) – Share prices closed at the day's highs on renewed buying interest from both local and overseas investors, brokers said.

The Hang Seng index ended the day 22.93 points higher at 2,493.33. The broader-based Hong Kong index rose 14.34 points to 1,633.78.

Turnover totalled HK$938.80 million (£66.39 million) against HK$946.37 million on Monday. Buying interest focused on blue chips.

TOKYO

Nikkei sharply lower on caution over trusts

(Reuter) – Caution over the end of the fiscal year on March 31 for special money trusts, or Tokkins, which spurred profit-taking on recent gains, caused share prices to close lower, brokers said.

"Tokkins have been supportive of the market and are going to be inactive," Mr Robert Karr, a broker with New Japan Securities, said.

The Nikkei index fell 150.85 points, or 0.59 per cent, to 25,465.73. Declining shares led advancing ones by 1.8 to one in turnover of 800 million shares compared with 850 million.

Securities house, pharmaceutical, bank, electronic, real estate, airline, communications, non-ferrous metal, precision instruments, auto and rolling stock shares all fell.

SYDNEY

Market lacks direction

(Reuter) – The market closed easier with subdued trade in most sectors. Volume was low.

Brokers said the market appeared directionless and would require leads from overseas.

"After yesterday's (Monday's) big rises I think the market was just marking time," one broker said.

By the close of trading, the All-Ordinaries index fell 7.9 points to 1,316.4 while the All-Industrials indicator slipped 12.1 to 2,135.5. The gold index ended 13 points lower at 1,588.7.

FRANKFURT

Investors stay on sidelines

(Reuter) – Share prices ended a quiet bourse lower and near the worst levels of the day in thin trading, undermined by a fall in the dollar, a lack of activity and worries that market interest rates could rise further.

Dealers said that both investors and professional operators remained sidelined. "No one has any idea about the bourse's short-term direction," one dealer for a West German bank said.

Share prices started the bourse little changed but declined after mid-session. The Commerzbank's 60-share index rose 1.1 points to 1,394.8, while the Boersen-Zeitung 30-share index fell 3.25 points to close at 289.34.

LONDON TRADED OPTIONS

	Series	Calls Apr	Calls Jul	Calls Oct	Puts Apr	Puts Jul	Puts Oct
Alld Lyon (*366)	330	42	50	57	4	12	15
	360	20	32	40	13	25	28
	390	8	20	27	30	42	45
Bass (*836)	750	97	117	137	7	17	28
	800	57	80	107	12	30	40
	850	27	52	77	35	55	62
Brit Air (*175)	140	37	42	43	1	4	8
	160	19	24	31	4	11	13
	180	6	12	18	12	19	23
Brit Com (*307)	300	22	30	42	12	20	23
	330	6	17	25	28	37	40
	360	2	8	15	57	62	62
Brit Gas (*137)	130	12	17½	20	3½	6½	10
	140	5	12	15	7	11	15½
	160	1	6	-	23	24	-
BP (*257)	240	22	33	37	4	8	12
	260	9	22	26	9	15	20
	280	2½	11	-	25	28	-
Britoil (*502)	420	82	-	-	1½	3	6
	460	41	46	50	3	6	10
	500	10	20	35	6	15	25
Cons Gold (*843)	800	63	105	125	29	50	75
	850	40	80	100	60	80	100
	900	23	57	-	95	110	-
Courtauld (*329)	300	37	45	58	6	15	18
	330	17	28	35	16	28	32
	360	6	17	24	37	50	53
	390	1½	9	-	63	73	-
Com Union (*323)	300	35	50	63	7	12	18
	330	15	30	37	18	23	30
	360	5	15	22	37	40	48
C & W (*355)	330	36	53	65	8	20	27
	360	17	35	50	21	32	40
	390	8	18	32	42	50	60
GEC (*158)	140	22	27	29	1½	4½	7
	160	7	15	17	7	12	15
	180	2	7	10	24	26	28
GKN (*324)	280	48	56	60	4	11	16
	300	31	42	48	9	18	24
	330	12	26	33	23	31	38
	360	5	14C	-	46	50	-
Grand Met (*457)	390	105	117	-	1	4	-
	420	75	90	98	1½	9	12
	460	42	60	72	8	20	27
	500	17	37	58	24	35	45
ICI (*1048)	950	120	157	-	8	23	-
	1000	80	123	137	20	37	58
	1050	48	93	-	40	57	-
	1100	26	67	88	70	85	103
Jaguar (*321)	300	30	40	52	10	20	25
	330	12	25	37	25	33	38
	360	5	16	27	48	53	58
Land Sec (*507)	420	92	97	108	3	7	10
	460	57	67	80	7	17	22
	500	28	43	58	17	30	37
M & S (*180)	160	25	30	33	2	6	7
	180	9	17	21	7	14	17
	200	2	9	13	22	26	30
R-Royce (*133)	120	16	20	24	3½	7	10
	130	9	14	16	6½	11	16
	140	4	9	13	13	17	20
STC (*249)	220	35	44	50	2	8	14
	240	18	30	38	8	14	21
	260	7	19	27	19	24	32
Sainsbury (*242)	200	44	48	-	1	3	-
	220	26	32	38	3	6	8
	240	12	19	28	9	13	16
Shell (*980)	1000	35	67	87	42	60	83
	1050	15	45	-	80	83	-
	1100	6	26	47	128	140	140
Storehse (*247)	220	35	43	48	3	10	12
	240	22	30	35	7	17	22
	260	10	20	25	17	27	33
	280	3	11	-	33	38	-
Trafalgar (*326)	300	37	43	52	3	12	15
	330	17	25	35	13	23	27
	360	6	15	23	35	42	48
TSB (*112)	110	9	13	15	3	7	8
	120	4	7	10	9	12	13
	130	1½	4	-	18	19	-
Woolworth (*283)	260	35	42	50	3	15	18
	280	22	32	36	12	22	27
	300	10	22	30	22	32	35

	Series	Calls Mar	Calls Jun	Calls Sep	Puts Mar	Puts Jun	Puts Sep
Amstrad (*165)	120	47	51	55	½	1½	3
	130	37	42	46	¾	3	4
	140	27	34	37	1½	5	8
Barclays (*508)	420	92	105	110	1	4	6
	460	52	70	75	2	12	17
	500	16	42	52	10	22	35
Beecham (*465)	380	98	108	-	1	3	-
	420	70	82	88	1	7	15
	460	30	52	63	3	17	28
	500	7	30	43	22	33	47
Boots (*229)	220	13	25	30	1½	13	17
	240	3	13	20	13	28	28
	260	¾	7	12	32	40	42
BTR (*267)	240	30	33	42	1	7	12
	260	12	20	30	3	16	21
	280	2	12	20	17	27	31
Blue Circle (*462)	420	45	60	73	3	17	25
	460	15	35	50	12	35	45
	500	4	20	33	42	57	65
Dixons (*195)	180	18	26	33	1½	6	10
	200	6	15	22	8	18	20
	220	1	9	14	24	27	30

	Series	Calls Mar	Calls Jun	Calls Sep	Puts Mar	Puts Jun	Puts Sep
Glaxo (*1058)	950	115	145	180	2	20	37
	1000	70	115	145	7	33	50
	1050	38	80	115	20	52	70
	1100	15	55	90	65	80	98
Hanson (*137)	110	28	30½	-	¼	1	-
	120	18	22	25½	½	3	4½
	130	6½	14	19	1	6	8½
	140	3	9	14	5	9½	13
Hawker (*466)	420	72	93	93	1	12	20
	460	38	50	68	2	24	35
	500	8	32	46	18	47	55
Lonrho (*260)	220	42	48	54	1	3½	7
	240	22	33	39	1	7	12½
	260	5½	21	28	6	16	21
	280	1½	13	18	22	27	33
Midland (*396)	360	42	62	70	1	8	13
	390	15	40	50	6	17	27
	420	4	25	36	25	32	46
Sears (*129)	120	12	16	21	1	5	9
	130	3½	11	16	3½	11	14
	140	1	6	11	12	18	19
Tesco (*163)	140	26	30	34	1	3	4
	160	8	17	22	3	10	12
	183	1	-	-	22	-	-
Thorn EMI (*593)	500	97	112	120	1	8	16
	550	48	74	86	3	15	27
	600	11	40	52	14	34	47
	650	1½	24	-	60	67	-
THF (*236)	200	40	45	52	1	2	5
	220	20	30	38	1½	7	12
	240	7	17	28	5	18	20
Unilever (*495)	460	42	53	72	2	14	22
	500	10	30	50	12	32	40
	550	1½	13	30	57	65	70
Wellcome (*485)	360	132	140	152	1	3½	8
	390	102	113	127	1	7	14
	420	73	90	110	2	14	23

	Series	Calls May	Calls Aug	Calls Nov	Puts May	Puts Aug	Puts Nov
BAA (*105)	100	14	19	25	5	12	16
	110	8	14	19	9	18	21
	120	4	9	-	16	23	-
Brit Aero (*394)	300	92	93	-	3	7	-
	330	65	68	75	7	15	22
	360	38	47	55	19	27	35
	390	18	32	43	33	43	50
BAT Ind (*451)	390	65	75	-	5	12	-
	420	42	55	65	14	22	28
	460	21	35	47	33	43	50
	500	9	-	-	63	-	-
Brit Tele (*249)	220	35	41	46	1½	5	9
	240	18	27	31	6	12	16
	260	8½	15	20	15	21	27
Cadbury (*257)	240	24	36	45	7	15	18
	260	13	26	34	17	24	28
	280	7	18	24	30	35	40
Guinness (*307)	260	52	-	63	3	-	10
	280	33	-	50	7	-	20
	300	18	-	40	17	-	32
Ladbroke (*379)	300	90	92	-	1½	5	-
	330	62	67	73	4	9	14
	360	37	45	52	12	18	23
LASMO (*304)	280	35	45	55	11	18	27
	300	21	35	45	20	30	38
	330	10	20	38	38	45	53
Pilkington (*232)	200	38	45	52	3	10	12
	220	25	30	37	10	18	22
	240	15	20	25	20	28	35
	280	8	13	-	33	40	-
Plessey (*169)	140	34	37	44	2	6	9
	160	20	23	32	7½	14	18
	180	10	15	20	19	25	29
P & O (*573)	500	82	90	105	7	13	22
	550	42	60	75	20	30	42
	600	20	35	50	52	60	70
Prudential (*847)	800	70	90	105	25	35	45
	850	50	60	78	50	55	75
	900	25	40	-	80	85	-
Racal (*228)	200	37	43	52	3	7	10
	220	22	30	38	9	16	19
	240	11	20	28	19	28	29
RTZ (*375)	300	80	87	-	6	17	-
	330	57	64	77	9	27	28
	360	35	43	55	18	35	40
	390	20	-	-	35	-	-
Vaal Reefs (*391)	90	11	18	21	8	13	14
	100	6	13	15	15	20	20
	110	4	9½	-	23	27	-
Tr 12% 1995 (*113)	110	[illegible]	3¾	3¾	[illegible]	1	1¾
	112	1¾	[illegible]	[illegible]	1	[illegible]	2¾
	114	[illegible]	[illegible]	1¾	1¾	2¾	3¾
	116	[illegible]	¾	[illegible]	3¾	4	4¾
Tr 11¾% 03/07 (*120)	114	[illegible]	-	-	½	-	-
	116	4¾	-	-	1	-	-
	118	[illegible]	-	-	1¾	-	-
	120	2¾	-	-	2¾	-	-
	122	1¾	-	-	3¾	-	-

FT-SE INDEX (*1811)

Series	Calls Mar	Calls Apr	Calls May	Calls Jun	Puts Mar	Puts Apr	Puts May	Puts Jun
1600	222	240	—	—	4	12	—	—
1650	175	193	200	217	6	17	25	33
1700	127	152	162	178	9	23	37	45
1750	80	117	129	145	19	35	53	63
1800	55	80	95	115	37	58	73	80
1850	32	52	77	88	67	82	97	105
1900	16	35	50	67	100	110	128	135

March 8, 1988 Total: 21572 Calls 14216 Puts 7356 FT-SE: Calls [illegible] Puts [illegible]
*Underlying security price.

ALPHA STOCKS

	Vol '000		Vol '000		Vol '000		Vol '000
ADT	550	Cadbury	2047	Land Sec	982	Rowntree	824
Abbey	1675	Coats	908	Laporte	193	Royal Bank	1454
Alld-Lyons	1534	CU	325	L&G	849	Royal Ins	1611
Amstrad	542	Cons Gold	408	Lloyds	6305	Saatchi	1054
ASDA	1643	Cookson	148	Lonrho	2716	Sainsbury	809
AB Foods	553	Courtaulds	464	Lucas	231	Scot & N	4960
Argyll	2093	Dalgety	122	Magnet	79	Sears	2582
BAA	1320	Dee	3504	M&S	4174	Sedgwick	793
BET	260	Dixons	3065	Maxwell Cm	237	Shell	2486
BTR	1493	ECC	369	MEPC	665	Smith & N	380
BAT	1588	Enterprise	3160	Metal Box	518	STC	914
Barclays	433	Ferranti	424	Midland	361	Stan Chart	280
Bass	427	Fisons	5348	NatWest	742	Storehse	552
Beecham	4627	Gen Acc	385	Next	271	Sun Allnce	117
Beazer	1125	GEC	4875	Nth Food	524	T & N	78
BICC	71	Glaxo	1651	P&O	589	Tarmac	1135
Blue Arrow	7826	Globe	58	Pearl	41	Tate & Lyle	91
Blue Circle	1880	Granada	124	Pearson	133	TSB	4943
BOC	1095	Grand Met	1335	Pilkington	1475	Tesco	2805
Boots	1410	GUS 'A'	207	Plessey	912	Thorn EMI	781
BPB	3114	GRE	170	Prudential	668	Trafalgar	2363
Br Aero	18848	GKN	2437	Racal	1373	THF	1725
Br Airways	508	Guinness	899	Rk Hovis	332	Ultramar	847
Br Comm	471	Hamm 'A'	205	Rank	1163	Unigate	2386
Br Gas	5360	Hanson	6143	R&C	149	Unilever	2272
Br Petrol	9421	Hawker	333	Redland	1065	United Bis	4517
Br Telecom	2740	Hillsdown	1091	Reed	511	Utd News	128
Britoil	365	IMI	976	Reuters	167	Wellcome	2996
Bunzl	1347	ICI	3328	RMC Gp	607	Whitbrd	631
Burmah	120	Jaguar	2534	RTZ	900	Wills Fab	294
Burton	1247	Lasmo	1252	R-Royce	1039	Woolworth	338
C&W	1714	Ladbroke	687	Rothmn 'B'	197		

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TRADITIONAL OPTIONS

First Dealings February 29 · Last Dealings March 11 · Last Declaration June 6 · For Settlement June 13

Call options were taken out on: 8/3/88 Epicure, Astra Trust, Pincom, APV, Norfolk Capital, Inoco, Helene of London, Waterford Glass, Piston, Eagle Trust, Polly Peck, Wheway Watson, A Fisher, Charterhall.
Put: TSB.
Puts & Calls: North Kalgurli Mines, BP ppd.

RECENT ISSUES

EQUITIES

AMI Healthcare (215p)	259 -5
Ald Restaurants	71 +3
Archer (AG) (130p)	163 -2
Ass-Henriques 71½p	86 +1
Aukett Ass (95p)	103
Berry Star	151
Brit Pet P/P	69½ +4½
Carron Phoenix (120p)	155 +2
Copymore (130p)	141
Eurotunnel	337 +3
Eurotunnel Wrnts	26½ -1
Firstland	48 -2
Fairway London	80
Gardiner Gp (30p)	42
Hatfield Est (100p)	113
Hughes (HT)	76
ISA Intl (80p)	115
Inshops (52p)	69 -1
Lon Forfaiting (160p)	160 -3
Nestor-BNA (75p)	96 -1
Norfolk House (100p)	105 -3
Selective Ass	70 -3
Shaftsbury (180p)	150 +4
Shanks McEwan (650p)	755
Shorco	117 -1
TGI (130p)	131 -1
TIP Europe	141 -2
Tilon Hldgs (60p)	84
Transrap Hldgs (50p)	56
Waverley Mining	78

RIGHTS ISSUES

Brewmaker N/P	10 -1
Cambium N/P	4¼ +¼
Gr West 6% N/P	
Jackson Ex N/P	3
Lon Inv N/P	2½ +¾
Mosaic N/P	110
Parrish N/P	22 -3
Splash Prod N/P	20 +3

BASE LENDING RATES

ABN	9.00%
Adam & Company	9.00%
BCCI	9.00%
Consolidated Crds	9.00%
Co-operative Bank	8.50%
C. Hoare & Co	9.00%
Hong Kong & Shanghai	9.00%
Lloyds Bank	9.00%
Nat Westminster	9.00%
Royal Bank of Scotland	9.00%
TSB	9.00%
Citibank NA	9.00%

APPOINTMENTS

Peugeot Talbot: **Dr Caroline Jackson** joins the board as a non-executive director.

Magnet: **Mr David Malpas** is made a non-executive director.

ASL: **Mr John Atkinson** is appointed managing director.

Burton Group: **Mr John Hoerner** becomes chairman of Harvey Nichols, **Mr Brian Moody** managing director of Top Man, Champion and Radius Stores and **Mr Peter Ridsdale** managing director designate for Top Man.

Admiral Underwriting Agencies: **Mr DC Goodbourn** and **Mr PB Lakhani** become directors.

Nelson Hurst & Marsh (UK): **Mr DA Frugtniet** and **Mrs G Helsdon** become directors.

Nelson Hurst & Marsh (Marine): **Mr GW Bethell** is now a director.

Antelope Films: **Mr Clive Syddall** has been appointed managing director.

Electrolux: **Mr Mike Regan** has been made personnel director.

Andrew Derrick Public Relations: **Mr Mark Brown** has joined the board.

Rendel Palmer & Tritton (Wales): **Mr Mike Kelly** has been appointed a director.

ISTEL Motor Industry Services: **Mr Peter Marchant** is appointed managing director.

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THE TIMES UNIT TRUST INFORMATION SERVICE

	Bid	Offer	Chng	Yld
ABBEY UNIT TRUST MANAGERS				
80, Holdenhurst Rd, Bournemouth BH8 8AL. Tel: 0345 717373 (Lo-Rider)				
Gilt & Fixed	112.8	121.1	+0.4	9.08
Hi Inc Equity	116.8	124.9	+0.4	4.76
Worldwide Bd	186.9	199.2p	-1.2	4.87
American Gth	143.9	153.8	-2.6	1.51
Asian Pacific	57.6	61.5	-0.8	1.96
Assets & Earns	133.8	143.0	-0.3	1.64
Capital Res	78.0	78.3p	+0.2	1.29
Comm Energy	82.8	88.3	+0.2	0.00
Euro Capital	65.5	70.0	+0.5	1.07
General	160.2	171.3	-0.2	2.53
Japan	89.6	95.8	-4.5	..
UK Gth Inc	118.0	126.2	..	1.93
Do Acc	173.1	185.1	..	1.31
US Emerg Co	37.3	39.9p	-0.3	0.00
Income Gth	244.2	261.2	-0.2	3.84
Master Acc	68.0	72.7	-0.5	2.56
American Inc	40.4	43.2p	-0.9	6.34
Ethical Tst	41.5	44.3	+0.1	2.82
ABTRUST MANAGEMENT LTD				
10, Queens Terrace, Aberdeen AB9 1QJ Tel: 0224 633079				
28, Chiswell St, London EC1Y 4TY Tel: 01-374 8851				
UK Growth	30.6	32.7	-0.2	3.42
N Amer Inc	24.2	25.7	-0.2	4.81
World Gth	38.1	40.5	-0.2	1.24
Extra Inc	37.7	40.1p	..	6.20
Formerly Baltic Trust Managers				
American	38.5	41.0	-0.6	2.24
Amer Extra Inc	36.1	38.5p	-1.1	6.25
Australian	16.7	17.8	-0.3	1.97
Euro Tst	40.4	43.0p	-0.5	1.40
Gt/Fixed Interest	23.1	24.6p	+0.1	9.76
Global Income	40.9	43.6	-0.3	5.30
Hi Income	53.6	57.1	+0.2	5.24
Income Growth	65.0	69.2	..	4.32
International	81.1	86.3	-1.2	0.82
Japan Gen	153.0	163.0	-1.9	0.01
Special Sits	82.3	88.3	+0.1	1.34
AETNA UNIT TRUSTS LTD				
401, St. John Street London EC1V 4QE Tel: 01-837 6494				
Euro Gth Acc	101.9	108.5p	-1.2	1.10
Exempt	382.5	404.8p	+0.7	4.70
Far Eastern	196.9	212.3p	-1.9	0.10
Fin & Prop	89.3	95.1p	+0.6	2.54
Hi Yield	172.5	183.7	-0.2	4.89
Income & Gth	300.6	318.4	-0.2	4.45
Int Earnings	180.0	190.7	-0.6	2.87
Int Growth Inc	84.8	90.3c	-1.0	0.25
Japan Gth Acc	148.5	158.1	-1.9	0.20
N Amer Gth Inc	169.9	118.5	-2.0	2.56
Preference Inc	126.9	134.4	+0.5	9.37
Smlr Co Div Inc	88.7	95.0	+0.5	4.60
Smlr Co Gth	273.2	289.4p	+2.1	1.65
Spec Sits Inc	125.1	132.5	+1.6	1.58
UK Growth	376.6	399.0p	+0.1	3.22
ALLIED DUNBAR UNIT TRUSTS				
Allied Dunbar Centre, Swindon SN1 1EL. 0793 28291 dealing:0793 610366				
High Income	292.6	310.2p	-0.5	4.85
Equity Inc	169.4	179.5	..	4.30
High Yield	173.7	184.1	-0.4	4.89
Balanced	412.6	437.4	-0.6	3.27
Amer Inc	26.7	28.4p	-0.2	4.62
World Ass Val	24.6	26.1	-0.1	1.56
Japan	132.5	141.1	-2.9	0.01
Spec of Amer	182.1	193.9	-1.9	1.16
Asset Value	291.6	309.1	-0.3	3.46
O'seas Earn	199.9	211.8	-0.3	2.39
Reversion	97.4	103.2	+0.1	2.95
UK Spec Sits	249.1	264.0p	+0.1	2.71
Smlr Co	167.5	177.6	-0.3	1.84
Capital	247.5	262.3	-0.5	3.32
Amer Spec Sit	58.1	61.4c	-0.6	1.89
International	68.9	62.5p	-1.3	1.26
Growth & Inc	152.1	161.3	-0.3	3.45
Euro Gth	17.6	18.7	-0.2	1.34
Pacific	202.5	215.7	-3.4	0.36
2nd Smlr Co	199.2	211.1p	+0.2	1.74
BARCLAYS UNICORN				
Unicorn House, 252, Romford Rd E7 01-534 5544				
Capital	77.9	83.0p	-0.3	3.19
Euro Gth Inc	67.9	61.7	-0.8	2.01
Extra Income	93.9	100.0	+0.1	5.00
General	160.7	176.7	-0.4	3.30
Gilt & Fixed Inc	53.7	56.7p	+0.1	9.22
Income Tst	395.3	421.6p	-0.4	4.03
Int Income	47.6	50.7	-0.6	4.43
Smlr Co Inc	37.2	39.6	+0.3	1.23
BARING FUND MANAGERS				
PO Box 156, Beckenham, Kent BR3 4DQ 01-658 9000				
American EVS				
Australia	49.9	54.7	-1.8	0.00
Eastern	59.4	63.5p	-1.5	0.00
Equity Inc	58.3	72.0	+0.1	5.30
Europe	111.6	118.7	-0.7	0.10
Japanese Tst	84.9	90.7	-0.8	0.50
Growth & Inc	73.1	77.7p	-0.3	2.10
Do Acc	113.8	121.0p	-0.4	2.10
Global Gth	58.8	62.5	-0.3	0.10
Japan Spec	135.1	143.5p	-1.8	0.00
Small Sun	147.0	157.2c	-1.1	0.00
First Europe	96.8	105.1	-0.1	0.00
First Japan	104.4	111.6c	-1.0	0.00
First N Amer	40.1	43.0	-0.8	1.30
First Smlr Co	87.9	93.5	+0.1	1.40
N Amer Spec	37.9	40.3	-0.4	0.30
UK Growth	58.7	62.5p	-0.2	5.13
BROWN SHIPLEY				
8-17, Perymount Rd, Haywards Heath 0444 458144				
Financial	153.4	164.1p	-0.4	1.70
Smlr Co Acc	274.8	294.2	..	0.64
Do Inc	172.7	184.9	..	0.64
High Income	79.1	84.6p	..	5.20
Income	96.6	103.3	..	5.18
Man Portf Inc	87.7	93.8p	..	2.25
Do Acc	149.2	159.6p	..	2.25
Japan	47.0	50.3	..	0.21
Orient	95.8	102.5	..	0.10
Exempt	270.6	289.6	..	2.22
Recovery	63.3	68.3	..	0.32
German	92.2	2.9	..	1.69
Int Recov	94.0	98.7	..	1.00
Europe	16.4	17.5c	..	3.91
Conv General	24.1	25.8p	..	7.00
BUCKMASTER MANAGEMENT				
The Stock Exchange London EC2P 2JT 01-588 2868 01 623 2348				
Emerg Inc				
Fellowship Inc	60.6	64.7c	-0.5	1.70
General Inc 4	260.4	277.0	-1.9	2.90
Do Acc 4	434.6	461.9	-2.9	2.90
Income Pd 3	131.1	139.8	-1.6	5.00
Do Acc 3	242.5	258.0	-2.8	5.00
Int Inc 2	108.1	111.8p	-1.6	2.00
Do Acc 2	142.1	151.2p	-2.1	2.00
Smlr Inc 6	90.5	98.3	+0.2	1.83
Do Acc	98.0	104.3	+0.2	1.83
CANNON FUND MANAGERS				
1, Olympic Way, Wembley Middx HA9 0NB 01-902 8876				
Growth	32.0	34.0p	..	2.96
Income	40.7	43.3p	..	4.48
Far East	26.8	28.3p	-0.4	0.22
Nth American	29.7	28.4p	..	0.72
Global	43.1	46.3p	-0.1	0.74
European	38.5	41.0p	-0.4	1.30
Japan	84.8	90.2	-0.6	0.01
CAPEL (JAMES) MANAGEMENT				
2nd Floor Winchester Hse, 77 London Wall, London EC2N 1DE				
01-588 0990				
Capital	398.8	422.0	..	2.59
Income	349.5	371.9	..	5.28
Nth Amer	232.1	247.0	..	1.93
CENTRAL BOARD OF FINANCE OF CHURCH OF ENGLAND				
2, Fore Street, London EC2Y 5AQ 01-588 1815				
Investment	440.7	..	4.78	
Fixed Int	146.4	..	9.76	
Deposit	100.0	..	8.71	
CHARITIES OFFICIAL INVESTMENT FUND				
2, Fore Street, London EC2Y 5AQ 01-588 1815				
Income	414.35	..	5.04	
Acc	£12.7515	..	..	
Deposit	100.0	..	8.45	
CHASE MANHATTAN FUND MNGRS				
Woolgate House, Coleman Street London EC2P 2HD				
01-606 6622				
Man Retmnt	21.4	24.8c	..	
SC Special Sits	60.4	63.9	+5.0	0.44
CLERICAL MEDICAL UNIT TRUST MANAGERS				
Narrow Plain, Bristol BS2 0JN 0800 373283				
Amer Gth	18.6	19.7	-0.3	0.23
Asia Gth	21.3	22.6	-0.3	1.11
Dragon Gth	19.3	20.5	-0.4	1.94
Equity Hi Inc	55.9	59.2	-0.1	4.75
European Gth	23.6	25.0	-0.2	1.87
Gen Equity	48.1	51.0	-0.2	2.84
G/F Inrst Gth	33.2	35.2	+0.1	7.33
Gilt & Fixed Inc	25.8	27.0	..	8.85
Inc Income Tst	22.5	23.9p	-0.2	5.66
Japan Gth	44.9	47.2	-1.1	0.00
Pedigree Gth	29.1	30.8	-0.2	2.14
Special Sits	35.1	37.2	+0.1	2.01
COMMERCIAL UNION TRUST MANAGERS				
St Helen's, 1, Undershaft, London EC3P 3DQ				
01-283 7500 Dealing 01-686 9818				
UK & Gen Inc	52.7	56.1	-0.2	3.52
Do Acc	54.1	57.5	-0.2	3.52
Income Inc	54.7	58.2p	-0.2	4.22
Do Acc	54.8	60.4p	-0.2	4.22
Worldwide Inc	42.0	44.8	-0.3	1.25
Do Acc	42.3	45.2	-0.5	1.25
Gamma Inc	33.4	35.5p	+0.1	1.05
Do Acc	33.5	35.6p	..	1.05
Amer Gth	51.2	54.5	-1.0	0.90
Euro Gth	50.0	53.2	-0.5	0.33
Far East	58.4	62.1	-1.2	0.00
Gilt & Fed Int	48.1	50.9	+0.2	8.34
World Bond	47.0	49.7	-0.5	6.03
CROWN UNIT TRUST SERVICES LTD				
Crown House, Woking GU21 1XW 04862 5033				
Amer Tst	102.9	109.8	-1.5	0.91
Canadian Gth	19.3	20.6	-0.3	..
European Tst	84.8	90.4	-1.2	..
Growth Tst	259.2	276.5p	+0.2	3.09
High Income	319.5	339.5	+0.4	4.84
Int Tech Tst	101.8	108.6	-0.4	..
Investment	28.3	29.0	-0.1	..
Japanese Tst	216.5	230.9p	-3.4	..
Man Int	23.7	27.4	..	..
CRUSADER UNIT TRUST MANAGERS				
Religate, Surrey RH2 8BL 0737-240848				
Euro Gth Inc	48.6	52.3	-0.2	0.40
Euro Gth Sits	35.1	37.8	-0.3	1.30
International	45.7	49.2	-0.3	3.50
N Amer Gth	39.7	42.7	-1.0	1.00
Pacific Gth	51.2	55.1	-0.6	4.80
UK Gth Acc	62.4	67.2p	-0.2	0.50
Do Dist	60.3	64.9p	-0.2	0.50
UK Income	56.9	61.2p	+0.1	4.80
DFS UNIT TRUST MANAGERS				
4, Melville Crescent, Edinburgh Tel: 031-225 3492				
American Fd	55.4	60.1	-1.0	1.68
Capital Fd	124.0	132.1	+0.4	1.27
Eurofund	21.4	22.8	-0.2	1.30
Growth & Inc	171.2	182.3p	+0.4	3.84
High Dist Fd	151.0	160.8	+0.9	4.66
International	153.7	208.3	-0.2	1.09
Pacific Fd	19.7	21.0	-0.3	0.00
Resources Fd	20.5	21.8c	-0.1	0.00
Smlr Jap Co	41.1	43.8	-0.9	..
Tokyo Fd	182.9	194.8	+1.8	0.00
Ex Amer 2	115.6	118.8	+2.7	1.53
Ex Japan 3	114.5	117.6	..	0.19
Ex Pacific 4	227.0	305.2p	..	0.21
Ex Smlr Jap 4	243.2	248.9	..	0.10
EAGLE STAR UNIT TRUST MANAGERS				
Bath Road, Cheltenham, Gloucester GL53 7LQ Tel: 0242 221311				
UK Select Inc	84.5	89.7	-0.2	2.71
Do Acc	88.1	93.5	-0.2	2.60
UK Gth Acc	130.0	137.3	-0.3	2.16
UK High Inc	94.5	100.3	+0.2	4.30
N Amer Acc	61.4	65.3	-0.6	1.07
Far East Acc	112.9	120.4	-2.5	0.84
European Acc	65.4	69.8	-0.4	1.49
UK Gt/Fi Inc	57.9	61.4	+0.1	9.47
Do Acc	58.3	62.1	..	9.47
Int Spec Sits	36.8	39.3	-0.4	1.73
ENDURANCE FUND MANAGEMENT LTD				
Admin Centre Hexagon House Romford 0277 3L8 Tel: 07952 54000				
Endurance	113.6	120.9	..	1.44
EQUITABLE UNITS ADMINISTRATION				
Walton Street Aylesbury, HP21 7QW Tel: 0296 431480				
Equit Pelican	91.6	97.5	-0.5	3.28
High Income	98.7	101.9	..	4.51
Gt/Fxd Interest	53.3	56.8	+0.1	7.30
Tst Of Inv Tsts	70.8	84.3p	-1.5	2.05
Spec Sits Tst	94.1	100.2	+0.8	2.78
Nth Amer Tst	53.7	57.2	-0.5	1.61
Far East Tst	104.8	111.3	-2.0	0.38
Int Growth	48.2	51.3p	-2.0	1.62
European Tst	37.8	40.3	-0.5	1.99
EQUITY & LAW				
St. George Hse Corporation St. Coventry CV1 1RG Tel: 0203 553231				
UK Gth Acc	173.3	184.3	-0.6	3.29
Do Inc	145.6	154.7	-0.6	3.29
Higher Inc Acc	322.1	342.8	-1.0	4.43
Do Inc	247.3	263.0	-0.9	4.43
Gilts & Fixd Acc	113.0	118.9p	+0.1	9.23
Do Inc	84.8	89.0p	+0.1	9.23
N Amer Acc	119.4	122.7	-1.9	0.14
Far East Acc	198.9	211.1	-3.7	0.00
Euro Tst Acc	121.3	129.0	-2.0	1.22
Gen Tst	256.7	272.0c	-1.2	3.77
Smr Excel	40.0	42.5	+0.1	2.79
Bd Portfo Inc	48.6	51.6	-0.3	8.81
Do Acc	48.6	51.6	-0.3	5.81
F & C UNIT MANAGEMENT				
1, Laurence Pountney Hill, London EC4R 0BA Tel: 01-623 4680				
US Smlr Co	53.2	56.8	-0.8	0.83
UK Inc Fd	33.2	36.2c	-0.2	4.43

	Bid	Offer	Chng	Yld
Far East Fd	96.4	99.0	-1.0	0.00
Overseas Inc	56.4	60.0	-0.6	4.91
Fxd Interest	59.0	62.8	..	9.10
Natural Res Fd	51.9	55.3	-0.5	2.19
European Inc	57.3	61.0p	-0.6	2.53
Financials Fd	43.9	46.9p	-0.6	2.68
Int Tech Fd	100.2	106.6	-0.9	0.88
FS INVESTMENT MANAGERS				
150, West George St, Glasgow G2 2PA Tel: 041-332 3132				
Balan Gth Acc	66.6	70.9	..	..
Do Inc	65.0	69.2	..	0.40
Hi Yield Acc	29.0	30.8	..	..
Do Inc	27.7	29.5	..	5.40
Inc Gth Acc	55.6	59.2	..	..
Do Inc	49.5	52.7	..	5.50
Serv Co Acc	69.0	73.5	..	..
Do Inc	67.8	72.3	..	0.80
Amer Gth Acc	21.7	23.2p	..	..
Do Inc	21.4	23.1p	..	1.00
Euro Gth Acc	15.5	16.6p	..	..
Do Inc	15.4	16.5p	..	1.00
FIDELITY INVESTMENT SERVICES LTD				
River Walk, Tonbridge, TN9 1DY Tel: Celtic (0800 414161)				
American	95.0	101.7	-2.0	1.23
Amer Equty Inc	26.0	27.9p	-0.6	1.07
Amer Spec Sit	44.5	47.8	-0.4	0.01
Australian	20.1	21.4	+0.1	2.87
European	50.8	54.4	-0.6	..
European Inc	23.8	25.2p	-0.3	4.59
Global Conv	22.6	24.1c	-0.1	3.67
Far East Inc	36.6	39.0	-0.5	3.67
Gt/Fxd Interest	30.0	30.3p	+0.1	9.76
Growth & Inc	133.1	137.6	-0.9	4.23
Japan Spec Sit	68.6	73.4p	-1.2	..
Japan	161.1	172.3	-3.7	..
Managed Int	120.6	128.3p	-2.3	0.78
Inc Plus	123.8	131.3	-1.3	4.84
Famous Names	39.2	42.0	-0.1	2.78
SE Asia	31.7	34.0	-0.4	0.62
Spec Sit	227.1	243.1	-1.0	0.85
Eastern Opps	21.1	22.5p	-0.3	..
Intl Bond	24.4	26.0	-0.3	6.75
Recovery	27.9	29.9c	+0.1	2.48
Moneybuilder	24.0	25.8	..	..
FRANKLINGTON UNIT MANAGEMENT				
3, London Wall Bldgs, London Wall, London EC2M 5NQ Tel: 01-628 5181				
Amer/Can Inc	162.6	172.0	-1.8	..
Do Acc	166.1	175.7	-1.8	..
Amer Tsm Inc	177.7	188.0	-4.4	1.03
Do Acc	184.3	195.0	-8.4	1.03
Capital Inc	269.5	285.1c	..	2.29
Do Acc	332.2	351.5c	+0.1	2.29
Com/Gilt Inc	105.1	108.1	-0.1	5.35
Do Acc	145.3	153.7	-0.1	5.35
European Inc	52.9	55.9	-0.8	1.15
Do Acc	53.1	56.1	-0.8	1.15
Extra Inc	230.8	244.2p	-0.6	3.92
Do Acc	259.6	275.0p	-0.6	3.92
Financial Acc	43.5	46.0	-0.6	0.90
Do Inc	43.3	45.8	-0.6	0.90
Income Tst	156.1	165.1	-0.5	4.27
Do Acc	172.2	182.2	-0.7	4.27
Int Growth Inc	142.2	150.4	-1.1	..
Do Acc	157.1	166.0	-1.8	..
Japan/Gen Inc	109.7	116.0p	-2.2	..
Do Acc	110.8	117.2p	-2.3	..
Monthly Inc Fd	117.5	124.3p	+0.1	4.48
PEP 87	58.3	..	..	2.79
PEP 88	50.1	53.0	-0.2	2.37
Recovery	172.8	183.0p	-0.7	1.14
Do Acc	191.7	202.9p	-0.8	1.14
Smaller Co	52.0	56.0p	+0.2	3.15
Do Acc	53.3	58.3p	+0.2	3.15
FRIENDS PROVIDENT MANAGERS				
Castle Street, Salisbury, Wilts SP1 3SH Tel: Dealing:0722 411411 Admin:0722 411922				
Equity Dist	230.5	244.8	-0.3	2.77
Do Acc	386.6	410.4	-0.4	2.77
Fixed Int	51.8	54.8	-1.0	0.91
Do Acc	51.8	54.8	-1.0	0.91
Fxd Interest Dl	118.2	125.7	+0.2	9.84
Do Acc	146.5	156.5	+0.2	9.84
Int Gth Dist	51.7	54.9	-0.9	1.36
Do Acc	51.7	54.9	-0.9	1.36
Nth Amer Dist	112.2	118.2	-0.5	2.16
Do Acc	114.1	121.1	-0.5	2.16
Pac Basin Dist	174.5	187.5	-2.4	0.15
Do Acc	176.7	187.7	-2.4	0.15
Steward Dist	231.9	248.1	+0.5	0.80
Do Acc	243.1	258.0	+0.7	0.80
Steward Inc Dl	34.9	38.2p	+0.1	3.44
Do Acc	55.2	58.8p	+0.1	3.44
N Am Shed Dl	51.9	55.1	+0.3	1.91
Do Acc	51.9	55.1	+0.3	1.91
GT UNIT MANAGERS				
33 Park Place, 8, Dunsdale Sq, London EC2M 4YJ				
Amer Spec Sit	55.8	59.4	-0.5	0.80
UK Cap Inc	125.0	133.0p	-0.5	2.60
Do Acc	185.8	197.5p	-0.7	2.60
Income Fd	94.6	100.7p	-0.7	6.10
International	145.6	154.9p	-1.0	0.50
Do General	45.1	48.0	-0.9	1.10
Japan & Gen	276.8	294.5	-6.3	0.10
Far East Gen	118.0	125.6	-4.0	0.50
European Fd	212.1	225.7p	-0.7	0.10
Germany Fd	48.0	52.2	-0.4	0.00
Int Inc Fd	59.2	62.4	-0.4	5.60
Wld Spec Sit	57.0	60.7	-0.5	1.80
GARTMORE FUND MANAGERS				
Gartmore House, 16-18 Monument St, London EC3R 8AJ				
01-623 1212 Dealing: 01-236 3065 Investor Services: 0800 289258				
American	69.0	73.5	-0.8	0.70
Australian	16.1	17.4	-0.7	0.91
British Acc	70.4	75.7p	-0.4	1.92
Do Dist	59.7	64.2p	-0.3	1.92
Chek UK Gth	42.7	45.1p	-0.4	1.50
Commnd Shares	55.4	59.2	+0.4	1.50
European	42.9	46.2p	-1.1	1.45
Extra Income	59.2	63.7	..	5.98
Far East Tst	171.2	181.7	+3.3	0.40
Fxd Interest	32.8	35.7	+0.1	7.19
Frontier Mkts	23.0	24.6	-0.1	0.76
Global Fd	153.2	164.4	-1.8	1.64
Do Dist	145.4	156.1	-1.8	1.64
Gold Share	13.9	16.8	..	1.62
Hedged Amer	31.7	34.1	-0.1	0.50
High Income	29.4	31.7p	..	5.80
Hong Kong	29.0	31.2p	-0.1	1.25
Income Fd	94.5	103.8p	+0.2	4.31
Int Financial	23.9	25.5p	-0.1	0.31
Japan Tst	148.3	156.7	-3.3	0.00
Nth Expt	270.7	282.0	+0.8	2.50
Oil & Energy	41.1	44.3p	+0.1	0.50
Spec Sit	104.9	112.6	+0.1	0.72
UK Sm Co Rec	100.4	108.0	-2.3	0.67
Gartmore (formerly Oppenheimer) Tst Management Ltd				
Glob Inc/Gth	70.7	75.6	-0.3	4.00
Pacific Gth	41.4	44.3	-1.3	1.59
Prac Inv Inc	66.4	71.2c	-0.4	2.88
Do Acc	132.3	142.0c	-0.8	2.88
Wields Recov	88.3	94.9	-0.5	1.14
Selected Opportunities Tsts				
American	27.1	29.0p	-0.4	0.41
European	42.9	46.0p	-0.4	1.19
International	113.1	121.0	-0.1	0.62
Japan	69.6	67.7	+1.5	0.00
UK	61.2	65.8	..	1.18

	Bid	Offer	Chng	Yld
GOVETT (JOHN) UNIT MANAGEMENT				
Shackleton Hse, 4, Battle Bridge Lane, London SE1 2HR				
01-378 7979 Dealing:01-638 6534				
Int Gth	87.9	93.5	-1.1	1.12
American Gth	58.1	60.0	-0.8	1.16
American Inc	59.0	60.8p	-0.9	4.95
European Gth	45.9	48.1p	-0.4	1.17
Gold & Mnrls	44.8	47.9	..	0.72
Japan Gth	60.9	65.1s	-1.3	..
Pacific Inc	72.7	77.3	-1.5	0.02
Pacific Strat	38.8	41.2p	-0.9	0.41
UK Prop Inc	72.9	77.5	-0.4	4.39
UK Spec Opps	138.5	148.3p	+0.3	1.50
UK Smlr Co	97.5	99.8	-0.2	3.13
GI British	30.9	38.2s	+0.1	0.63
UK Sm Co				
GRE UNIT MANAGERS				
Royal Exchange, EC3P 3DN 01-626 5563				
Gt/Fxd Interest	119.3	124.9p	-0.1	8.96
Gth Equity	236.0	248.7	+0.6	2.36
Guaranty	306.6	311.4p	-0.3	3.22
Income Tst	95.1	100.7	-0.3	3.78
Int Tst	104.7	110.6c	-2.8	1.38
N American	120.3	127.6	-3.5	1.12
Pacific	252.5	267.2	-8.5	0.00
Prop Shares	334.0	353.5	-1.7	1.75
Smaller Co	275.2	291.3	+0.1	1.62
European Tst	227.0	239.9	-4.3	1.48
GUINNESS MAHON UNIT TRUST MANAGERS				
PO Box 442, 32 St Mary-at-Hill, London EC3P 3AJ				
01-623 9333				
Capital Gth	35.8	38.1	-0.7	0.80
High Income	92.0	97.9	+0.5	5.33
Int Amer Tst	68.9	64.0c	-0.7	0.82
Pacific Gth	40.0	42.6	-0.8	0.00
Recovery	104.6	111.3	+0.1	1.78
St Vincent Inc	103.5	108.2p	+0.1	5.01
St Vinc US Gth	50.9	53.1p	-0.6	0.00
Temp B Sm Co	235.1	248.0	..	3.22
Euro Gth Tst	42.5	45.2p	-0.1	0.80
HAMBROS BANK UNIT TRUST MANAGERS				
Exchange 6, Bayleigh Rd, Hutton, Brentwood, Essex.				
Enquiries 0277 227300 Dealing 0277 261931				
Amer Equ Inc	51.2	54.3	-0.7	0.19
Canadian Tst	39.7	42.1	-0.7	1.28
Equity Income	104.8	111.2	..	4.80
European Tst	73.1	83.9	-1.0	1.01
High Income	81.1	86.0p	..	5.82
Int Sts Tst	47.6	50.9	-0.3	0.65
Japan/F East	113.1	119.4	-2.5	0.27
Nth Amer Tst	52.7	55.9	-1.0	1.28
Recov & Asset	82.1	85.9p	-0.3	2.44
Scandinavian	78.1	74.4	-0.8	1.16
Smlr Co	32.3	35.0s	..	1.17
UK Inc Gen	38.4	40.7	+0.1	1.11
HENDERSON				
Premier UT Administration Admin S, Beckman Rd, Hutton, Brentwood, Essex. 0277 261810				
Amer Recov	88.6	92.3	-1.2	0.00
Amer Smlr Co	35.7	38.1	-0.7	0.00
Australian	55.8	58.8	-2.2	0.00
Best of World	47.4	50.4p	-0.6	2.36
Cap Gth Inc	92.8	98.5c	-0.4	2.26
Do Acc	73.8	78.6c	-0.4	2.26
European	182.8	200.7	-1.5	0.02
Extra Inc Tst	40.3	43.0p	..	6.21
Euro Smlr Co	71.1	75.8	+0.3	0.14
Extra Income	229.2	243.8p	-0.5	5.71
Financial Tst	164.4	175.0	+0.1	0.64
Fxd Interest	57.0	60.6p	+1.8	9.46
Gilt Tst	42.2

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STOCK EXCHANGE PRICES

Equities mark time

ACCOUNT DAYS: Dealings began March 7. Dealings end March 18. §Contango day March 21. Settlement day March 28. §Forward bargains are permitted on two previous business days.

Prices recorded are at market close. Changes are calculated on the previous day's close. Where one price is quoted, it is a middle price. Changes, yields and price earnings ratios are based on middle prices. (aa) denotes Alpha Stocks. (VOLUMES PAGE 26)

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No.	Company	Group	Gain or loss
1	Storehouse (aa)	Drapery,Stores	
2	Devinish (JA)	Breweries	
3	BSR	Electricals	
4	Bromsgrove Inds	Industrials A-D	
5	Cambridge Elec	Electricals	
6	Avon Rubber	Industrials A-D	
7	Heywood Williams	Building,Roads	
8	Britannia Security	Electricals	
9	Wilson (Connolly)	Building,Roads	
10	Utd Scientific	Electricals	
11	GT Management	Financial Trusts	
12	Kleinwort Benson	Banks,Discount	
13	Morgan Grenfell	Banks,Discount	
14	Atlantic Comp	Electricals	
15	Barratt Devs	Building,Roads	
16	Berkeley Gp	Building,Roads	
17	AB Food (aa)	Foods	
18	Bassett Foods	Foods	
19	Kennedy Brookes	Hotels,Caterers	
20	Higgs & Hill	Building,Roads	
21	Johnston	Industrials E-K	
22	Fisons (aa)	Industrials E-K	
23	Lovell (YJ)	Building,Roads	
24	BPB Ind (aa)	Building,Roads	
25	Triplex Lloyd	Industrials S-Z	
26	Brown Shipley	Banks,Discount	
27	Elbief	Industrials E-K	
28	Sutcliffe Speakman	Chemicals,Plas	
29	Ryl Bk Scot (aa)	Banks,Discount	
30	Br Aerospace (aa)	Motors,Aircraft	
31	Blagden	Chemicals,Plas	
32	AIM	Industrials A-D	
33	Holmes Pro	Industrials E-K	
34	Taylor Woodrow	Building,Roads	
35	Wolstenholme Rink	Chemicals,Plas	
36	Gieves	Industrials E-K	
37	Lon & Edin Tst	Property	
38	Dixons Grp (aa)	Drapery,Stores	
39	Cannon St	Industrials A-D	
40	Joseph (Leopold)	Banks,Discount	
41	Spring Ram	Industrials S-Z	
42	Windsmoor	Drapery,Stores	
43	Gleeson (MJ)	Building,Roads	
44	Hall (M)	Industrials E-K	

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BRITISH FUNDS

BREWERIES

BUILDING, ROADS

CHEMICALS, PLASTICS

CINEMAS, TV

1987/88 High	Low	Company	Bid	Offer	Ch'ge	Gross div p	Yld %	P/E
549	248	Anglia TV 'A'	410	420	● ..	18.9	4.6	8.2
695	370	Central TV	522	533	..	24.7	4.7	13.3
132½	39	Grampian	44	47	..	3.2	7.0	5.9
392	203	HTV Group	262	266	..	13.4	5.2	7.5
216	88	LWT Hldgs	140	148	..	6.0	4.2	8.2
610	268	Scot TV	412	425	+1	21.2	5.1	8.4
454	208	TVS	312	322	● ..	17.1	5.4	8.5
101	45	TSW	69	75	..	3.7	5.1	11.1
540	260	Thames TV	325	333	-1	17.0	5.2	9.3
202	105	TV-AM	135	140	..	4.4	3.2	..
639	254	Tyne Tees TV	530	543	..	20.4	3.8	10.5
170	70	Ulster TV	68	73	..	5.1	7.5	..
403	150	Yorkshire TV	182	207	● +1	11.0	5.6	6.0

DRAPERY, STORES

ELECTRICALS

FINANCE, LAND

FINANCIAL TRUSTS

FOODS

HOTELS, CATERERS

1987/88 High	Low	Company	Bid	Offer	Ch'ge	Gross div p	Yld %	P/E
307	137	Friendly Hotels	205	215	+1	2.0	1.0	21.1
604	343	Grand Met (aa)	487	490	● -5	16.4	3.4	13.7
470	305	Kennedy Brookes	298	302	+4	3.6	1.2	10.1
478	272	Ladbroke (aa)	380	383	+2	17.9	4.7	18.9
56	79	Norfolk Cap Gp	26	27	..	0.6	2.3	30.8
165	89	Mount Charlotte	123	125	..	2.6	2.1	14.9
113½	65	Queens Moat	98	98	-1	2.5	2.6	22.5
784	376	Savoy Hotels 'A'	777	790	+1	5.5	0.7	26.5
144	62	Stakis	95	97	● ..	2.3	2.4	16.2
292	171	Trusthouse Ft (aa)	237	240	● -5	9.7	4.1	16.6

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Investment Trusts appear on Page 28

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OVERSEAS TRADERS

PAPER, PRINT, ADVERTISING

PROPERTY

SHIPPING

1987/88 High	Low	Company	Bid	Offer	Ch'ge	Gross div p	Yld %	P/E
677	315	Assoc Br Ports	505	515	..	8.8	1.7	21.3
430	275	Caledonia	340	350	..	8.0	2.3	48.6
181	101	Clarkson (H)	170	175	+5	6.5	3.8	19.1
125	56	Fisher (James)	122	127	+4	2.8	2.2	..
910	500	Graig	715	765	+5	20.6	2.8	17.8
102	67	Jacobs (JI)	69	72	..	5.5	7.7	..
460	31	Mersey Docks	288	292	+18	..	..	29.8
394	213	Ocean Transport	275	285	..	12.9	4.6	14.5
775	425	P & O Dfd (aa)	573	577	+3	28.1	4.9	14.8
159	119	P & O 5.5%	118	125	+1	7.5	6.1	..
336	180	Runciman (Walter)	235	240	-2	8.9b	3.7	13.7
460	238	Tiphook	320	335	..	6.2	1.9	18.3
635	375	Turnbull Scott	600	650	..	15.1	2.4	87.5

SHOES, LEATHER

1987/88 High	Low	Company	Bid	Offer	Ch'ge	Gross div p	Yld %	P/E
285	45	Headlam Sims	75	85	..	0.7e	0.9	..
410	201	Lambert Howarth	236	246	+2	10.3	4.3	10.0
411	170	Pittard Garnar	230	232	..	7.9	3.4	11.5
352	143	Strong & Fisher	238	243	-2	14.4	6.0	8.7
371	155	Stylo	255	270	..	6.9	2.6	46.4

TEXTILES

TOBACCOS

1987/88 High	Low	Company	Bid	Offer	Ch'ge	Gross div p	Yld %	P/E
709	399	BAT (aa)	450	453	-3	21.0	4.6	10.7
138	118	Carreras	130	145	..	..	..	..
499	177	Rothmans 'B' (aa)	423	430	-3	11.2	2.6	11.8

● Ex dividend a Ex all b Forecast dividend e Interim payment passed f Price at suspension g Dividend and yield exclude a special payment k Pre-merger figures n Forecast earnings o Ex other r Ex rights s Ex scrip or share split t Tax-free .. No significant data.

MEDIA & MARKETING

The lesson of 'junk' mail

OPINION

This week the people who create direct mail are spending three days at an annual conference and exhibition trying to find out how to improve the material they are putting through people's letter boxes. Unfortunately, when they say "improve" they will almost certainly mean "increase". More direct mail is going to be dispatched to people who are already irritated by the torrents of unsolicited material.

Those who work in the business insist on calling it direct mail. However you only have to read the letters column in this newspaper to find that consumers complain about it and prefer to call it junk.

To make matters worse, the Post Office is trying to persuade advertisers to spend more of their budgets on direct mail, using statistics to prove that it is becoming cheaper to advertise this way rather than use TV or press advertising. For instance, they say the cost of direct mail has risen more slowly than television and press.

Only last week they revealed that in 1987 they handled 1,628 million pieces of direct mail and that direct mail's share of the national advertising expenditure has now reached 10 per cent. If you think you received more than your fair share of this it is because you are a reader of *The Times* and, in advertising jargon, an AB. As such you will receive more than Mr Average and your household will receive two items of direct mail every week. It may seem more than this though, especially if you have ever purchased anything through the post in the past. By doing so you have become a known mail order buyer and your name will be used more frequently.

The industry is growing and because it is happening so quickly there are not enough people who really know about the business to serve the advertisers who want to use it. Five years ago only two out of the top 20 advertising agencies had a direct marketing department. Today all of them will claim that they have some direct mail expertise. Unfortunately, this is often not enough.

At a recent conference the Direct Mail Sales Bureau, an organization funded by the Post Office and the direct mail industry, announced that research showed that 83 per cent of people opened direct mail envelopes and 66 per cent of people read the messages inside. These statistics were used to *prove* that since most of the envelopes were opened and read, people liked the stuff. Surely, it just proves that you have got to open the envelope before you can decide that it is junk and should be thrown away? The qualitative research that accompanied these statistics showed that attitudes to what is sometimes called letterbox advertising is negative, particularly from companies with which the reader has had no contact with before.

Advertisers ought to improve the quality of their direct mail rather concentrate on the quantity. They should target it carefully and not indiscriminately. They should take note of the growing dissatisfaction with junk and to create direct mail packages that people will enjoy receiving and replying to.

Direct mail is different from other forms of advertising, in that one tawdry piece of mail can discourage recipients from opening other envelopes. However press and television ads that are poor do not detract from their rivals in the same way.

TV advertising manages to sell a lot of products and at the same time most of it entertains. Advertisers and agencies have learnt that a poorly produced campaign will damage sales. Junk mailers need to learn the same lesson.

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Added weight, added value

Advertisers are demanding quality paper. Andrew Lycett reports how the industry is meeting the challenge

Paper is the latest element in publishing to crumple before new technology. Advances in printing, particularly speed, require better quality paper. With Britain's advertising boom showing little sign of abating, companies are demanding improved reproduction in their promotional material — from full colour advertisements in up-market magazines to glossy corporate literature, such as annual reports.

Paper manufacturers, delighted to diversify out of basic newsprint production, are responding with extravagant campaigns aimed to encourage designers and printers to specify their premium products. For making quality paper, with its different weights and finishes, is not only technically challenging but also potentially lucrative.

A top grade two-side coated art paper can cost up to £1,400 a tonne, compared with £425 for newsprint. Tom Wilding, boss of UK Paper, says: "The business is about adding value to the basic wood pulp used in paper. Instead of a paper being almost 100 per cent pulp, as in newsprint, ours may be only 60 per cent."

UK Paper is Britain's leading quality paper manufacturer. Its main mills at Donside, near Aberdeen, and Sittingbourne in Kent, supply over a fifth of our one and two-side coated papers.

Next week the company is floated on the Stock Exchange. As Bowater UK, back in the 1960s, it operated as many as 16 newsprint machines. But British newsprint manufacturers could not compete with Scandinavian imports. By the early 1970s the company was badly run down. It started replacing newsprint capacity, spending over £50 million during the past five years moving, as its flotation document puts it, "into higher margin printing and packaging papers." In 1986 Wilding led a management buy-out — the same year that his family firm, Wilding Office Equipment, also went public.

UK Paper's top grade paper is the two-side coated Consort Royal, made at Donside in eight weights from 115 to 270 grams. Over 50 grams of that may be a coating of pigment, largely china clay. Laser units scan the production process to ensure the exact mixture of fibres needed to give the paper rigidity — important for smooth runs through fast offset presses.

Ian Lakin, managing director of Donside, says Consort Royal — used by IPC on covers of *Country Life* — allows printers to "spot varnish, get higher contrast and put as many as 12 colours on a page".

Over the past year UK Paper has been promoting Consort Royal heavily in these terms. "We're trying to make people aware of what can be done with paper and print," says Lakin.

This week Consort Royal won the Advertising Creative Circle's Gold Award for "best use of unusual media to achieve an advertising message". In November Donside sponsors the first National Graphic Design Awards. There is one catch — work must be submitted on Consort Royal.

Donside reserve 15 per cent of its production runs for the Hi-Speed Opal and Diamond ranges it makes for rival Wiggins Teape, which prefers to concentrate on such specialities as carbonless papers.

Wiggins Teape has surpassed even Donside in promoting Opal and Diamond, launched last October. It broke a vase, sent a piece to seven top illustrators, asked them to paint on it, photographed the results and printed them in a glossy booklet — one design to each page of a different weight of paper. The booklet was then sent out to potential buyers. Neal Courtney, product manager, says the idea of relating surface texture to ceramics was intended specifically to appeal to designers. Despite a six-figure price tag, the campaign was worth it. "We're already at almost our three-year targeted sales," he says contentedly.

Posh pottery: In a bid to sell quality papers, companies are using top illustrators. Wiggins Teape commissioned several artists to paint fragments of a broken jug. On the left is by Jack Pearce; right by Graham Evernden

A matter of 'residuals'

US TV dispute could benefit British writers

The 1,800 members of the Writers Guild of Great Britain will shortly receive instructions not to sign contracts with American producers in the wake of the US strike which led to picketing in Hollywood yesterday.

Walter Jeffrey, General Secretary of the British Guild, said that should the American strike be prolonged, affecting 9,000 members there, "US companies will look for substitute film and TV writers in the English-speaking world, starting here. We don't want our members breaking the strike by doing work that would otherwise be undertaken by colleagues in the USA."

The US strike centres on the issue of "residuals" — payments for films that are subsequently shown on TV or shows later sold to foreign companies or broadcast on cable.

"American agreements are extremely detailed and notoriously tough to negotiate with as many as 90 people participating," Jeffrey added. But the question of "residuals" grows more complex both for freelance writers and those on the staff of broadcasting companies. John Foster, broadcasting organiser of the NUJ, said "Until recently, external services aside, 98 per cent of broadcasting here was to do with UK only so we didn't consider residual payments.

"But after BBC 1 and 2 began selling material to cable companies in Scandinavia the secretary of the Norwegian journalists' union asked about our arrangements for collecting copyright, and we had to say there weren't any." He told us 'you're stupid — this must be worth a million a year to your members.'"

The NUJ are now concentrating on broadcasting copyright and "generally, companies selling their material internationally accept the principle for freelances, though not staff members," Foster said. "But there's still a long way to go."

David Leitch

Starting early

Finding out what life's like as a trainee reporter

Early tomorrow morning a group of pupils from Bretton Woods School, Peterborough, will arive at The Times Network System in Gray's Inn Road to set up a newsagency.

Reporters for a day, they will scan radio and TV bulletins, Prestel, Ceefax and local papers. They will, in addition, conduct interviews by telephone.

Their output will be fed by computer to schools, mainly in Britain but also in Germany, Australia and Sweden. Each school will compete to produce the best newspaper of the day.

Newspaper Day is run on a competitive basis once a year by The Times Network System (TTNS), an electronic communications service subscribed to by 5,000 colleges and schools. The competition is aimed at pupils of all ages, and has three categories; primary schools, secondary school under-15s and over 15s.

The judges are drawn from the management of Times Newspapers.

Using the school computers, pupils word process stories in a column format, paste them up and photocopy the pages. Some schools invite local journalists to visit before the competition to explain the intricacies of techniques, such as writing headlines.

"The standards really are astonishingly high," said Gordon Jones, Chief Executive of TTNS. "And they get better each year."

On occasion, stories generated by the competition have appeared in "real" newspapers. "We arranged for one girl, aged 12, to telephone Sir Peter Saunders, the impressario responsible for *The Mousetrap* said Mr Jones. "She thought up a question about the play that he had never been asked before, which produced a story taken up by the national press."

The winners get tea at the Waldorf plus a token prize; last year it was a plaque of the first front page of *The Times* produced at Wapping. The winners of the under-15 section receive an added treat. They become next year's agency staff, receiving an early initiation into the joys and trials of life as a news agency reporter.

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MEDIA & MARKETING

Best of sellers

Which ads have made it in the market place?

The advertising industry has long been weary of the charge that its most creative campaigns do not create the most sales. Now the IPA – the agency-funded voice of the industry – is looking for ammunition to deflect the criticism.

Next week it will run the second in a series of advertisements in the national and marketing press designed to attract entries for its Effectiveness Awards, an eight-year-old scheme which commends campaigns solely on the basis of their ability to generate sales. "Will BBH win their first award this year?" asks the headline. Bartle Bogle Hegarty – most famous for turning the launderette into a glamour venue with its commercials for Levi 501s – was, until recently, not an IPA member and was, therefore, not eligible to enter the Effectiveness Awards.

"We don't want to encourage the feeling that these are dull, bureaucratic awards," explained Hamish Pringle, managing director of Madell Wilmot Pringle, the agency behind the IPA's campaign. "We want to make sure that the good creative campaigns are written up into case histories and entered."

Another reason for running the campaign – which continues until June 27 – is to coax more advertisers into divulging the closely-guarded sales data necessary for their agency to prove the effectiveness of a campaign.

When the IPA launched the scheme in 1980, the industry responded enthusiastically with 80 entries. In subsequent years the numbers have fallen to between 50 and 60, but the quality of the analysis is said to have improved. According to Pringle, an estimated 15 per cent of entries use computers to separate the effect of advertising from the host of other factors which might have influenced sales.

Carys Bowen-Jones

A guru among mag men

David Housham meets Haymarket's new editorial director

Clive Irving is not a well man. "I've been reinfected by the magazine bug," he admits. It is an infection that is not being fought but cultivated in his new job as editorial director of the trade magazines giant, Haymarket Publishing, whose flagships are *Campaign* and *Management Today*.

In the '60s, Irving's ideas created waves in newspaper and magazine publishing – including the Communications Column in *The Times* of 20 years ago. "Clive was the whizz kid of Fleet Street," remembers former fellow flyer, Ron Hall.

With successful re-launches of *Management Today* and *Marketing* under its belt, and the reinforcement of the ad-person's oracle, *Campaign*, Haymarket looks ready for some new runners to add to its stable of more than 40 titles.

Irving's return after almost a decade in America, latterly at Condé Nast, might suggest an upcoming canter by Haymarket into the consumer glossies arena to beef-up its rather humdrum motoring, hi-fi and camping titles.

But three weeks into his new role he prefers to emphasize the editorial quality of *Management Today* and *Campaign*, and talks about the potential for expansion (possibly into Europe). He says: "*Campaign* has always been a training ground for good journalists who leave it for newspapers. I want to create an atmosphere in which people will see their careers here on a longer term basis. After eight years' absence I'm struck by how much more competitive the media world, particularly the magazine world, is in Britain compared to New York.

"Europe is much more like one market and that makes America seem like a more insular, protective place. I think the presence here of publishers like Gruner and Jahr is a good thing – the Europeans are upgrading our standards, bringing higher production values and more sophisticated editorial to our women's magazines."

Irving says it was the sophisticated house style at Haymarket, chiefly due to design director, Roland Schenk, that drew him there. "The Euro-invasion is a sign that there are no fixed boundaries between European countries, as is the coming of satellite TV. The rules are being redrawn and there are exciting years ahead."

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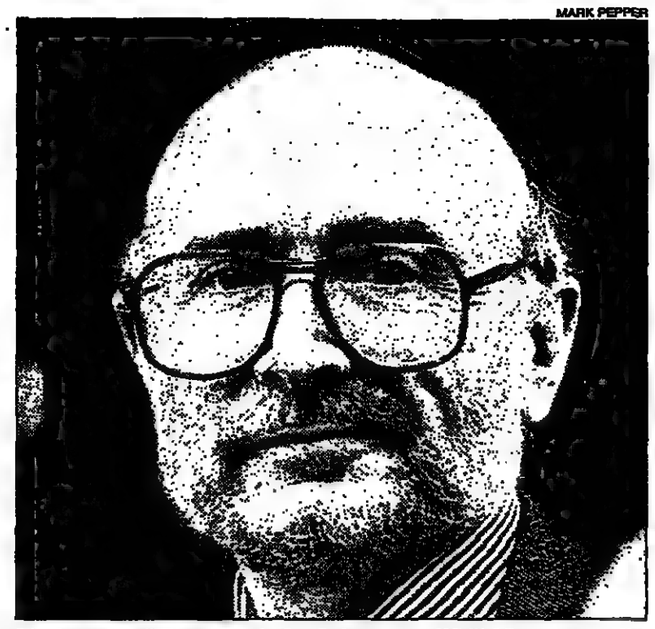

The incurable: "The pattern is that I always stop if I find I repeat myself"

'The rules are being redrawn, we face some exciting years'

Moving on from a discussion about *Management Today* ("It should now start considering the life of the businessman in the round") and confessing to top-of-the-head rumination, he adds: "There should be a blurring between traditional trade and consumer magazine thinking. I'm just working it out now; I don't know what the implications are. I don't accept narrow terms, it's not the way I work." Irving has an extraordinary track record. At the turn of the '60s he raced from the features editorship of the *Daily Express* to helping Mark Boxer create *The Sunday Times* colour supplement, then to the editorship of Michael Heseltine's short-lived but influential *Topic* magazine, and then back to *The Sunday Times* to set up Insight with Ron Hall and Jeremy Wallington.

"Clive would have become editor of *The Sunday Times* after Denis Hamilton," says Hall, "but he was poached by Hugh Cudlipp". In 1965 he became the executive editor of all IPC magazines, then in 1966 helped in the successful franchise bid that established London Weekend Television.

Irving's next turn was into that now familiar medialand creature, the publishing consultant. He took part in crucial developments at the *Radio Times* (Geoffrey Cannon-era) and *TV Times* and worked on various American magazines and ventures, partly with former *New York Magazine* proprietor, Clay Felker.

Finally forsaking magazines, he moved to Long Island eight years ago to write novels and film scripts for David Puttnam which, alas, remained scripts. A chance meeting in a New York street with Harold Evans got Irving re-exposed irresistibly to the magazine bug two years ago. He has helped Evans launch *Traveler* from the ashes of *Signature*, a magazine that had been distributed to 700,000 Diner's Club members in the States and which Condé Nast bought from the bank, Citicorp, for $25 million. Under the Evans' motto, "Truth in travel", they aimed to bring the most opulent production standards and lavish editorial budgets (no freebies to be accepted) to "one of the most corrupt areas of journalism".

After half a dozen issues of credible, top-notch travel journalism, *Traveler* has a circulation of 900,000, biased towards women, and as planned is not wholly dependant on travel-related advertising – 60 per cent of the ads being placed by the usual luxury brands of perfume, cars, etc.

Irving thinks that American publishing idioms cannot be transferred to Britain as successfully as European ones, such as *Elle*. But he does believe that American companies' willingness to spend big editorial money on buying quality readerships is an example that should be followed here.

He says: "Americans understand that it takes a large initial investment and at least three years, usually a lot longer, before you see profit. You need capital, nerve and confidence in editorial."

It drives him crazy that the British are so quick to buy bury good ideas – he cites the first, up-market *Today* (he worked on some dummies) and the *London Daily News*.

"What's missing here is the editorial patronage of *Time, The New Yorker, Spy Magazine* – that editorial culture. We used to have it here in newspapers, that level of finesse, when people could spend a lot of time on one story."

A slight reticence betrays that Irving, at 55, doesn't want to get too nostalgic about the days of Boxer, Armstrong-Jones, Bailey and Frost. "It doesn't embarrass me any more than anyone's youth should embarrass them. It was a wonderful time to be young, all the restrictions were lifted, but I wouldn't want to repeat any of the things I did then. The pattern to my career is that I always stop if I find I'm repeating myself."

Predictably, his newly-raging magazine virus is of a glossy strain. "Magazines like *The Face* and *Blitz* have created their own language," he muses. "People who read *The Face* when it started are now older, they're working and earning lots of money. What magazines do they want when they're 30? Do they feel other magazines have fallen behind what they've achieved . . ?"

BYLINES

Bowes aquiver

Despite deep scepticism among newspaper analysts, Roger Bowes, former chief executive at both Mirror Group and Express Newspapers, is bullish about his new regional morning paper.

Details of *North West Times* – a kind of latter day *Manchester Guardian* – are due to be unveiled after the Budget. Bowes plans an independent quality paper with a circulation of 60,000, 50 journalists and £2 million capital.

But even the most successful regional mornings piggy-back on a local evening paper, says consultant Harold Lind, who foresees cash-flow problems while the paper builds up classified ad revenue. "Two million pounds is not enough," he says, "it strikes me as ludicrous".

"It's probably just viable," says Bronwen Maddox of Kleinwort Grieveson, "but you'd have to sacrifice editorial quality."

Unabashed, Bowes says costs will be cut by contracting out printing and distribution, and thinks advertisers will welcome a cheap alternative to the nationals. "People will have to rely on my record and my knowledge of the business."

Whose tops?

What do you need to make the row of four heads at the top of the *Guardian's* new front page? The answer, to judge from the first 22 editions of the new look, is to be a male politician (16 out of 88) or a sportsman (nine). There have been twice as many men as women – but reassurance that the paper has not shed all its traditional values comes in the lack of interest in figures from business and the City. There have been three.

Maker million

One man who should do well out of Owen Oyston's imminent return to the chairmanship of Red Rose Radio is chief executive David Maker, who does not see eye to eye with the former chairman of *News on Sunday*. Oyston has mounted a share offer which values Red Rose at £15 million. Maker's 60,000 voting shares and 270,000 non-voting are worth just over £400,000 at the offer price, and he has options over a further 270,000. That, and a golden handshake, could make him the first millionaire out of commercial radio.

Soaps clean

The recently-appointed Bishop of Oxford, Richard Harries, is concerned about the moral impact of soaps. He organized a two-day conference last week at Cumberland Lodge, in the middle of Windsor Great Park, where Alan Plater, Melvyn Bragg, and Katharine Whitehorn talked on such issues as "Soap operas – reality or illusion". They decided soaps help people to talk about their own problems by reference to those suffered in *Coronation Street* and *EastEnders*.

Soft selling

Although many viewers, and not a few commercials-makers, are convinced the ads are louder than the programmes, the IBA and the ITV companies say they aren't, because the IBA rule is that they shouldn't be. Sometimes it's caused by "compression" (putting the sound through a machine which makes the quiet bits louder and the loud bits quieter), sometimes by producers fearful clients will complain if there are quiet bits in their ads, sometimes by the sheer speed at which the viewer is bombarded.

Briefly . . .

Michael Grade may have axed Channel 4's children's programmes and Mavis Nicholson, but one daytime programme he does seem to approve of is *Business Daily*, now contracted until July 1990 . . . Carlton Magazines is to test-market a new monthly 'how-to' women's title, *Notions*, later this year as a rival to *Prima* and *Essentials* . . . Virgin plans to offer independent radio stations a networked overnight pop service . . . *The International Herald Tribune* is contemplating a weekly international TV programme analysing world news . . .

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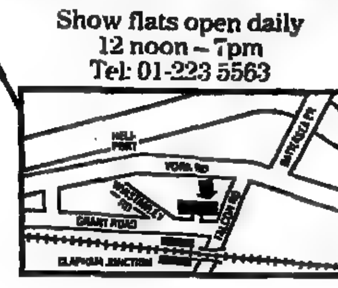

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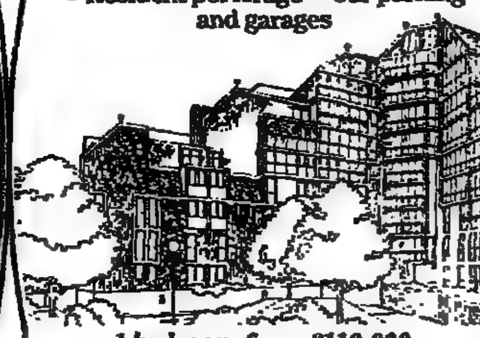

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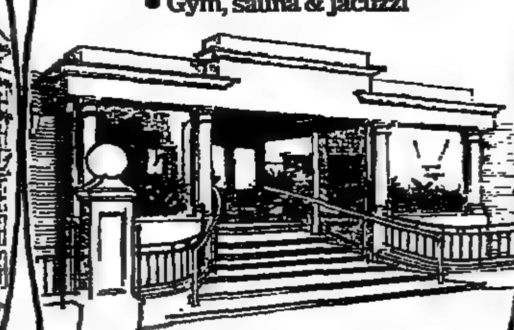

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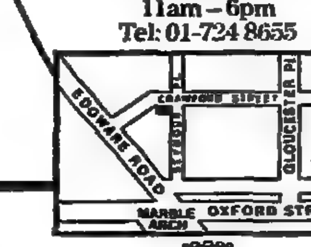

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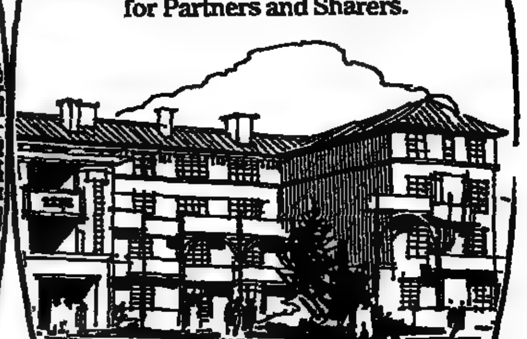

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Your home in a crystal ball

By Christopher Warman
Property Correspondent

Tomorrow's new houses will have a room set aside for a torture chamber — or gymnasium, according to taste — a sunbed, probably over the bath, an office space for home working with computers, and a conservatory.

That, at least, is a clear indication from the showhouses in the "village" at the 1988 Daily Mail Ideal Home Exhibition, which opened at Earls Court, London, yesterday and continues until April 4.

The other features, such as wider doorways, no doors, an extra staircase and upper floors strengthened to withstand the equivalent of 100 years of wear, merely reflect the necessary efforts by house-builders to cope with thousands of pairs of feet tramping through in the quest for their ideal home.

The main innovation in design this year is a house for the year 2020, designed by students and staff of the design faculty at the Royal College of Art to celebrate the college's 150th anniversary, and sponsored by British Gas. It is their response to changing lifestyles, just as basic homes in the past 2,000 years have evolved — the Roman villa, the Chinese courtyard house, the Elizabethan country house, Georgian terrace or pre-war semi.

Professor Derek Walker, head of architecture and design studies at the college, explains that domestic dwelling in its basic form has changed very little in that period and the home reflects both human desires and the regional climate in which it is placed. The major change is one of expectancy, and he argues that at present new homes lack flexibility to respond to change.

Looking ahead: the house for the year 2020 according to students of the RCA

The project has clearly been an enjoyable one, and Professor Walker hopes it shows a sense of humour and an optimistic view of the future. "Its occasional excesses mask a serious thesis, which is largely about the use of personal space and the most agreeable way to harness technological change," he says.

The house brain controls activities

The college's house, therefore, aims to be conventional, timeless, flexible, "about family activity, lifestyle and, if you like, the theatre of living, and not about fashion styling, packaging, exaggeration and imitations of 'culture'."

The two-storey timber-framed house has a garden incorporated within it — an atrium surrounded by a gallery. For the rest, the house has an open-plan unit providing services including a gymnasium, a solarium and a health centre, and office space. There is, of course, an emphasis on computerized technology, with a "house brain" controlling its activities.

Downstairs there are no rooms, rather areas — dining area, atrium area, and seating and viewing area (the sitting room). There are bedrooms upstairs, but they are joined by such new features as the health centre and a children's play capsule.

A contrast is provided by Architectural Services Planning Partnership's ASPP/Calor house, which is based on a house seen in Colorado Springs by ASPP's managing director John Bailey and his wife Diane in 1986. At the time Mrs Bailey was captaining the successful Great Britain and Ireland ladies' golf team in the Curtis Cup. Mr and Mrs Bailey were attracted to the traditional "New England" lines of the house and decided to import it into the UK market.

It is a large house, with a family room, a living room, a dining room, a library and five bedrooms. Even though new technology and gadgets are sweeping into our homes, ASPP believes the Americans are more gadget-minded than the British and has adapted the kitchen to suit a British family. The house has two bathrooms, one of which is *en suite* with the master bedroom, and a shower room.

"Americans in general seem to spend more money on their bathrooms," says Mrs Bailey. "For instance, they go in for whirlpool baths rather more than we do, although I think there is a definite trend in this country towards a more luxurious bathroom."

Like most of the showhouses, it is timber-framed and aims to be energy-saving. The company claims the heat loss is about 50 per cent less than in a conventionally built home. The ASPP/Calor house can be built for about £90,000, using NHBC-registered builders, including the £25,000 cost of the timber-frame kit, but excluding the cost of the land. Sub-contracting the work could reduce this by about £10,000, and a further £10,000 could be saved by part self-building. Details are available from ASPP on 0737 768261.

Another "kit" house comes from Potton, a five-bedroom, two-bathroom home with exposed structural posts and beams and a flexible layout to cater for the differing needs of members of the family. It has a family room with an adjoining conservatory, while the *en suite* bathroom is also a mini-gym with exercise equipment, weights and a sunbed. It is one of 19 standard Potton designs, and building costs are roughly the same as for the ASPP house. Details are available on 0767 260348.

The Canadian company, Valhalla, has built a three-bedroom house designed for a young family. It is timber-framed and energy-saving, and has as its focal point

Two cottages, each with two entrances

an open plan area comprising the kitchen and the dining and living rooms and providing — again — flexibility and a feeling of spaciousness.

Along with the RCA's vision of the future, the building company Mark Fitzpatrick is showing a contemporary cottage that is the result of a nation-wide competition through *Architect's Journal*. The competition was won by David Turnbull, a Bath University graduate. Mr Turnbull has provided two cottages, each with two entrances — one private, one business — two bedrooms, a kitchen, a bathroom and a living-dining room. One house has a mezzanine working area within a double-storey living room, and the other an independent studio. Mr Turnbull designed the former for a freelance journalist working at home.

Clearly his first task will be to write about his house.

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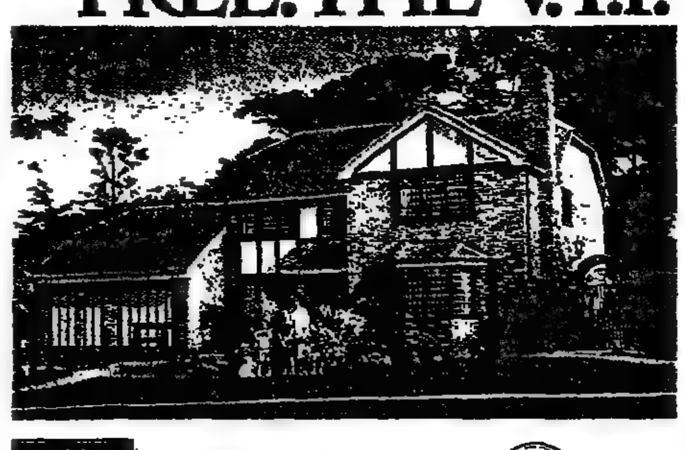

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Refusal of firearms certificate upheld

Regina v Aylesbury Crown Court, Ex parte Farrer

Before Lord Justice Slade, Lord Justice Neill and Lord Justice Mann

[Judgment March 8]

A former firearms dealer, whose appeal against the refusal of firearms and shotgun certificates was dealt with by the crown court on the basis of hearsay evidence and statements of witnesses at a previous hearing, and who had been refused an order requiring the witnesses' attendance, was not entitled to judicial review of the crown court's dismissal of his appeal.

The Court of Appeal so held in dismissing an appeal by Stephen Manning Farrer from the dismissal by Mr Justice McCullough on January 23, 1987, of his application for judicial review of the decision of Aylesbury Crown Court (Judge Verney and justices) on June 19, 1986, to dismiss appeals brought by Mr Farrer pursuant to the Firearms Act 1968.

Mr Farrer in person; Mr Richard Latham for the Chief Constable of Thames Valley Police.

LORD JUSTICE NEILL, giving the judgment of the court, said that in 1982 Mr Farrer obtained a shotgun certificate, a firearms certificate and a certificate of registration as a firearms dealer. In 1984 he was convicted of fraudulent trading in relation to his previous business as a builder and sentenced to 18 months' imprisonment. His firearms and shotgun certificates were revoked and his dealer's certificate expired.

On release from prison Mr Farrer applied to the crown court for the removal of the prohibition on his having a firearm in his possession and appealed against the revocation of the certificates.

After a hearing lasting six days before Judge Slack and justices the application and appeals were dismissed. Mr Farrer had no disagreement with the judgment but submitted that the evidence before the court had been "manufactured".

Three weeks later his conviction for fraudulent trading was quashed by the Court of Appeal (Criminal Division) and he made fresh applications for firearms and shotgun certificates which were refused by the police. Mr Farrer appealed to the crown court.

He learnt that the police officer dealing with his applications intended to give oral evidence himself and to put before the crown court the witness statements of four witnesses at the earlier hearing. Mr Farrer applied for directions, *inter alia*, requiring those witnesses to attend. Judge Verney declined to grant witness summonses.

The hearing lasted three days and the court concluded that, with particular reference to evidence of the carrying or wearing of firearms by Mr Farrer, it was satisfied that the grant of a certificate would be a danger to public safety.

The question to be determined was whether that hearing involved any procedural irregularity or was conducted in such a way as to amount to a breach of natural justice or some analogous principle of fairness.

Neither in the Crown Court Rules (SI 1982 No 1109) nor in the special procedural provisions of the 1968 Act were there any relevant provisions relating to the calling of witnesses or the right to cross-examine.

It was, therefore, necessary to consider the matter on the basis that there were no relevant procedural requirements governing the hearing in the crown court and that the nature of the proceedings was as explained in *Kavanagh v Chief Constable of Devon* ([1974] QB 624) but that, nevertheless, the hearing had to be conducted in accordance with the rules of natural justice and fairness.

It was a general principle of common law that a duty of procedural fairness was imposed on any public authority which made a decision not of a legislative nature which affected the rights, privileges and interests of individuals.

It was clear from *Kavanagh*'s case that in order to reach a conclusion the crown court was entitled, as had been the police officer, to rely on hearsay evidence and on reports and statements from persons who were not before the court.

In exercising this particular jurisdiction in the circumstances of the present case the crown court was correct to decline to allow Mr Farrer a complete rehearing of the case and to reject the application for the witness summonses. Furthermore, the judge was right to take the view that he could not dictate to the chief constable what witnesses, if any, he should call.

With the benefit of hindsight, it would have been wiser had the crown court decided to ignore the evidence of two of the witnesses. But it could not be said that in the present context the failure to do so constituted a breach of the rules of natural justice and of fairness of sufficient gravity to vitiate the decisions reached by the crown court.

Although in the light of that conclusion the appeal could be disposed of without examining whether, if there were such a breach, the High Court had a discretion whether or not to quash the decisions, it was right to consider that question.

It was now quite clear that even in a case where the court was satisfied that there had been a breach of the rules of natural justice the court retained a discretion whether or not to grant relief.

The judge decided that at the end of the day the crown court would have refused the appeals and their Lordships could see no basis for interfering with the exercise by the judge of his discretion.

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Retrospective effect of slip rule

Scott-James v Bass Chabab and Others

Before Lord Justice May and Mr Justice Waite

[Judgment February 25]

The slip rule in the County Court Rules (SI 1981 No 1687 L20) was effective retrospectively to the date of the order and was not just effective from the date of the amendment.

The Court of Appeal so held in allowing a defendant's appeal from the decision of Judge Dobry, QC, who, on February 16, 1988, had refused to set aside an earlier order in which he had held that, although Miss Scott-James, the plaintiff, had been in arrears with her rent as at the date of the original order, a slip-rule amendment made on January 6, 1988 of an order dated October 23, 1987 was not retrospective in effect and that therefore a warrant for possession issued on January 8, 1988 was premature.

Order 15, rule 5 of the County Court Rules provides: "Clerical mistakes in judgments or orders or errors arising therein from any accidental slip or omission may at any time be corrected by the court".

Mr Jonathan Ferris for the defendant appellant; Mr Andrew Gordon-Saker for the plaintiff respondent.

LORD JUSTICE MAY said on October 23, 1987 Mr Recorder Michael Barnes, QC, made a suspended order for possession against the plaintiff of Flat 1, Nottingham Place, Westminster, London.

The terms of the suspension were that the plaintiff pay the first defendant the current rent as and when due plus £40 a month towards the arrears.

The figure for the accrued rent arrears as at October 23, 1987 was calculated by the recorder to be £980 after allowing for £1330 damages awarded to the plaintiff against the first defendant.

The order drawn up by the court did not reflect the true intention of the court as it purported to make an order for possession in favour of the plaintiff against the defendant and gave a money judgment in favour of the plaintiff in the sum of £1,330 and for £980 in favour of the first defendant.

On January 6, 1988 the order was amended by the court under the slip rule on the application of the first defendant acting in person so as to reflect the true intention of the court.

On January 8, 1988 following the amendment and on the basis that the plaintiff had failed to comply with the terms on which the possession order had been suspended, the first defendant, acting in person, applied to the court for, and was issued with, a warrant of possession.

The warrant was executed by bailiffs on February 5, 1988. On February 8 the plaintiff applied for an order to set aside the warrant of possession on the grounds that (i) at the date of application for the warrant there were no rent arrears; and (ii) the plaintiff did not receive notice of issue of the warrant.

Judge Dobry heard the plaintiff's application on February 10 and held, *inter alia*, that the amendment under the slip rule was not retrospective and that since the plaintiff had caught up with the payment of the current rent by the time of the slip-rule amendment, the issue of the warrant was premature and invalid, and he set the warrant of possession aside.

On February 12, the first defendant applied to the judge to reconsider his judgment on the basis that the slip-rule amendment was retrospective. The application was adjourned to February 16 when the judge refused to change his mind.

The power to amend orders was to be found in Order 15, rule 5 of the County Court Rules.

The essential question was whether the amendment made on January 6 was retrospective so that it was effective from October 23 or whether it was only effective from the date of the amendment.

His Lordship found it was to be effective retrospectively. The purpose of the slip rule was to amend clerical mistakes so as to reflect the true decision of the court at the date when the order was made.

Nor did Judge Dobry have jurisdiction to set aside the issue and execution of the warrant. Section 100(2) of the Rent Act 1977 made express reference to the court staying or suspending the execution of the order "at any time before the execution". That made it clear that the court did not have jurisdiction to stay or suspend the order after execution had taken place.

In the result, the appeal would be allowed and the warrant and the execution would be upheld.

Mr Justice Waite agreed.

Solicitors: Hughmans; Martin Boston & Co.

Power to hear dismissal complaint out of time

Machine Tool Industry Research Association v Simpson

Before Lord Justice Purchas, Lord Justice Woolf and Lord Justice Mann

[Judgment February 10]

An industrial tribunal was correct in allowing an employee to bring a complaint of unfair dismissal under the provisions of section 67(2) of the Employment Protection (Consolidation) Act 1978 outside the three-month time limit where, without finding actual facts, it had been satisfied that the employee, after the expiry of the time limit, came genuinely to believe that she had cause to bring her complaint.

The Court of Appeal so held in dismissing an appeal by the employers, the Machine Tool Industry Research Association, Macclesfield, from the Employment Appeal Tribunal (Mr Justice Popplewell presiding) who upheld an industrial tribunal's decision that it had jurisdiction to hear the complaint of unfair dismissal brought by the employee, Mrs Doreen Simpson, three days out of time.

Section 67(2) of the 1978 Act prohibits the bringing of such a complaint later than three months from the termination of the employment unless the tribunal "is satisfied that it was not reasonably practicable for the complaint to be presented before the end of the period of three months".

Miss Downing for the employers; the employee in person; Mr Duncan Ouseley as *amicus curiae*.

LORD JUSTICE PURCHAS said that the employee had worked for the employers for some twenty-one years when disaster struck her in August 1984 necessitating her going to hospital.

In November she was visited at home by the employers' finance director and told she would be "redundant" as from the end of the month. At that time she had felt the redundancy was part of a move to Manchester.

In early February she learnt of certain facts which caused her to believe that perhaps the true reason for that decision was not redundancy at all. She thus made her application to the industrial tribunal claiming that she had been unfairly dismissed. It was three days out of time.

Only if the tribunal was satisfied that it was not "reasonably practical" for her to have brought the complaint in time could the time limit be extended. The tribunal accepted the evidence of the employee that after the three months had expired she heard that the employers had re-engaged a typist at Macclesfield and that had raised the thought in her mind that there was no redundancy.

After referring to *Churchill v A. Yeates & Sons Ltd* ([1983] ICR 130), which indicated that an ignorance of a fact of fundamental importance — the existence of which was crucial to the existence of the claim that redundancy was not the genuine reason for the dismissal — might make it not reasonably practicable to present a complaint, the tribunal found that the employee's ignorance as to the re-engagement of the typist was reasonable in the circumstances and concluded that it had jurisdiction to hear the claim.

The employers had asserted both before the appeal tribunal and before the court that the industrial tribunal had erred in failing (a) to find that the typist in question was not engaged to do the employee's work, (b) to decide whether a fact of fundamental importance was made out by the employee and (c) to decide whether it was the discovery of a fact of fundamental importance that for the first time enable the employee to present her claim that the reason given for her dismissal was not the genuine reason.

But the gravamen of the employers' case now was that the industrial tribunal should have established the veracity of the fact of "fundamental importance" before assuming jurisdiction under section 67(2) of the Act.

Reliance was placed on the decision in the *Churchill* case but in fact the judgment of Mr Justice Browne-Wilkinson there supported the contrary contention.

Mr Ouseley had enable the court to reach a clear decision on those important points, namely what were the appropriate criteria to be borne in mind in considering the sub-section and how the court was to approach the problem as to whether it could be held that it "was not reasonably practicable" for a complaint to be presented in time.

Fundamentally the exercise involved a study of the subjective state of mind of an employee when he decided that after all he had a case to bring. There was no indication in section 67(2) that it was necessary for an employee to establish as facts those facts which had caused, and genuinely caused, him to present a complaint out of time. How was that study of the subjective state of mind to be approached? Mr Ouseley correctly submitted that "reasonably practical" imported three stages of proof which rested on an employee: (1) that it was reasonable for the employee not to be aware, during the three months, of the factual basis on which she could bring her complaint; (2) that the knowlege the employee gained she had gained reasonably, and that knowledge was fundamental to her change of belief from having no ground for making a complaint to one of believing that grounds in fact existed, and, (3) really a restatement of (1) and (2), that the acquisition of that knowlege was crucial to the employee's decision to bring a claim.

In the circumstances the decision of the appeal tribunal upholding the industrial tribunal's decision in relation to section 67(2) was correct and the appeal should be dismissed.

Lord Justice Woolf and Lord Justice Mann agreed.

Solicitors: Royds Barfield; Treasury Solicitor.

No case against Home Office over prison attack

Porterfield v Home Office

Before Mr Justice Roch

[Judgment March 8]

A prisoner failed in an action against the Home Office for negligence by the prison authorities in failing to protect him from an attack by other prisoners.

Mr Justice Roch, in the Queen's Bench Division, found for the Home Office in an action brought by Matthew John Porterfield, a prisoner at Long Lartin, Herefordshire.

Mr Hugh Parker for Mr Porterfield; Mr George Pulman for the Home Office.

MR JUSTICE ROCH said that the issue was whether or not the assistant governor in charge of the plaintiff's wing discharged the duty of care which it was conceded was owed to the plaintiff.

His Lordship accepted that reasonableness had to be applied in the light of the facts known by the assistant governor at the time and not to be judged by facts known later.

The assistant governor knew that there had been a fight between the plaintiff and another prisoner which resulted in the other prisoner sustaining a broken nose. He knew that there had been oblique warnings that certain prisoners were out to "get" the plaintuff. As a result he warned the prison staff to be alert and keep an eye on the plaintiff and other prisoners.

Mr Parker argued that the assistant governor ought either have removed the plaintiff from the wing or told him of the warnings.

In his Lordship's judgment the assistant governor could not be faulted. He believed the plaintiff would have known the situation and it would have been an insult to his intelligence to warn him. Also calling a prisoner aside and warning him often provoked an incident.

The plaintiff knew that the assistant governor's door was open. If he had thought for a moment it was necessary for him to be removed he would have requested a transfer to another block.

However, that was not quite the end of the matter. Even if his Lordship had found that there had been a breach of the duty of care, he did not believe that the failure to warn the plaintiff played any causative part in the injuries he sustained. Had any warning been given the plaintiff would probably have ignored it. Further, his Lordship did not accept that the plaintiff would have accepted a transfer to a different wing. His pride was too great to allow it.

Solicitors: Dudley-Cooke Wilberforce Allen, for Chilcotts, Tavistock; Treasury Solicitor.

Plea establishes need for trial

Quazi v DPP

Before Lord Justice Watkins and Mr Justice Nolan

[Judgment February 24]

The entering of a plea of guilty in a magistrates' court did not mark the commencement of a trial but merely established the need for one.

The Queen's Bench Divisional Court so held in dismissing an appeal by way of case stated by Abdul Kalam Azad Quazi from the dismissal of his appeal by Knightsbridge Crown Court (Judge Aron Owen) on February 12, 1986 against conviction by Camberwell Green Magistrates of being in possession of a false Bangladeshi passport, contrary to section 26(1)(d) of the Immigration Act 1971.

Mr Gazi Haque for the appellant; Mr Richard Bruce for the Crown.

MR JUSTICE NOLAN said that the appellant pleaded not guilty at the magistrates' court on January 28, 1986. A certificate required from the chief officer of police by section 28(1)(a) of the 1971 Act was not signed until January 30, 1986.

The sole ground of appeal was that the certificate had not been signed in time as it had been signed after the trial had been commenced on January 28 by the appellant's plea of not guilty.

His Lordship said that the court had been referred to *R v Vickers* ([1975] 1 WLR 811) and *R v Tonner* ([1985] 1 WLR 344) as showing, *inter alia*, that a trial did not commence until the jury had been sworn.

In his Lordship's view the observations in those cases applied, *mutatis mutandis*, to the magistrates' court. The entering of a plea of not guilty did not mark the commencement of a trial but merely established the need for a trial. His Lordship found that the trial commenced on February 12 and the appeal was, therefore, dismissed.

Lord Justice Watkins agreed.

Solicitors: A. M. T. Abdullah & Co. East Ham; DPP.

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Freedom of information outweighs government claim to confidentiality

Lord Advocate v Scotsman Publications Ltd and Others

Before Lord Coulsfield

[Judgment February 23]

The Lord Advocate was not entitled to interim interdict against the proprietors and editors of *The Scotsman* newspaper, Scottish Television plc and the publishers of *The Glasgow Herald* newspaper, George Outram and Co Ltd, to prevent them from publishing material contained in the book *Inside Intelligence* by Anthony Cavendish.

Lord Coulsfield so decided in the Outer House of the Court of Session on the petition of the Lord Advocate for interim interdict against the respondents. The applicant followed the respondents' reclaiming motion to the Inner House in which the original interim interdict, granted on January 5 (*The Times* January 19) had been recalled on certain undertakings given on behalf of the Respondents.

Mr J. A. Cameron, QC and Mr N. F. Davidson for the petitioner; Mr W. A. Nimmo Smith, QC and Mr J. A. Peoples for *The Scotsman*; Lord Morton of Shuna, QC and Sir Crispin Agnew for Scottish Television; Mr J. L. Mitchell, QC and Mr D. G. Monaghan for George Outram and Co.

LORD COULSFIELD said that since the hearing in the Inner House, the prayer of the petition had been amended and the averments adjusted.

It was now stated that authorization to publish the book had been sought but refused; that despite private publication of 500 copies of the book and their distribution, disclosure of its contents was not widespread; that Mr Cavendish had undertaken to the Crown not to distribute the book further without 14 days' notice; that in the English action concerning the book, the Attorney General had offered to permit publication of part of the material contained in the book, and that a copy showing the permitted material had been lodged in court and the English order modified accordingly.

Averments had been added to supplement the original contention that disclosure or publication of material in the book would be prejudicial to the interests of the Crown. It was now averred also that it would be prejudicial to national security. Six respects in which publication was said to be prejudicial to both interests were set out.

It had not been stated that publication of information in the book or in Mr Cavendish's possession would directly endanger national security, or that any information contained in the book or in his possession had not already been published, or that any of the information in the book would be likely to be unknown to any interested foreign power.

The first and second respondents averred that they had received copies of the book from persons other than Mr Cavendish. That was also the third respondent's position.

The basis of the petitioner's argument was set out in three propositions:

1 A lifelong duty of confidentiality attached to all information gained by a person employed in the secret services;

2 That duty transmitted to anyone who, knowing the confidential nature of the information, came into possession of it; and

3 In a case where there was a duty of confidentiality owed to the Crown or the public, the public interest in preserving confidence had to be weighed against the public interest in the freedom of information.

Those propositions relied on principles supported by a number of English authorities, and most recently expressed in the English courts to the litigation concerning the book *Spycatcher*.

His Lordship observed that the rules for the protection of confidential information had originated in the context of commercial information and in cases between private citizens. It was not easy to apply those rules to questions concerning government information, but there were no other rules which could be relied on in cases such as the present.

In applying the rules to government information, some modification was required to take account of other public interests, with the result that the court might require to balance the public interest in preservation of confidentiality of government information on the one hand, and the competing public interests in freedom of speech, freedom of the Press and good Government, on the other hand.

There was no justification for any further modification to the rules. The Crown's right to preserve the confidentiality of its information remained in principle the same as that which any private citizen had in respect of information confidential to him.

Public policy considerations were only involved so as to restrict the Crown's ability to enforce confidentiality, when other public interests were involved.

His Lordship reject the argument that the court should consider the question of the protection of governmental confidential information a one of the protection of classes of information rather than of particular items of information.

The right on which the Crown relied, in this case, was a right to protect particular items of information which were confidential only in the sense that they had not been published. It was not a right of special or higher character than that of a private citizen.

If the Crown had a special right to protect information which directly affected national security, that right was different from the right on which the Crown relied in the present case or in the *Spycatcher* case.

The petitioner had averred that disclosures of the information sought to be prohibited would be prejudicial to Crown interests and to national security for the following reasons:

(a) the secret service of friendly foreign countries would lose confidence in their British counterparts' ability to protect classified information,

(b) the British secret services depended upon the confidence and cooperation of others whose confidence would be likely to be damaged should Mr Cavendish revel classified information,

(c) other persons presently, or previously, employed by the British secret services and having access to such information might week to publish it,

(d) such disclosures would be likely to affect adversely the morale and discipline of members of the British secret service,

(e) in the absence of interdict, pressure would be exerted on other members or ex-members of the British secret services by the media to give their views on matters referred to by Mr Cavendish,

(f) detriment would be likely to flow from the publication of information about the methodology, personnel and organization of the British secret services.

His Lordship said that the right on which the petitioner founded was no more than a right to restrict the publication of information which was confidential in the sense that it was unpublished. Grounds (a) to (e) were irrelevant to the enforcemnt of a duty of confidentiality against third parties such as the respondents, who came into possession of the information innocently.

A third party might be under a duty not to publish confidential information if, by making the information known, he injured the party whose confidence was in question.

The only duty on a third party recipient of confidential information appeared to be to refrain from publishing that which had not already been published. When the information had been published, no balancing exercise was required and heads (a) to (e) were irrelevant.

On the present averments, Mr Cavendish's book had already been circulated quite widely. There was no averment that any information contained in it had not been published previously. It was for the petitioner to aver that the information was confidential in the sense of being previously unknown and he had not done so.

The circulation of 500 copies and the publication of parts of the book in the Press were amply sufficient to found the inference that any person or Government interested in the remainder of the book would already have obtained it.

For head (f) to be relevant, the petitioner would require to aver that there was specific information in the book or in Mr Cavendish's possesion which could cause prejudice. The petitioner had not sought to do so.

His Lordship considered the position had the balancing exercise required to have been carried out in the present case. It was for the petitioner to show that publication should not proceed. The book had already been sufficiently distributed to make it probable that any interested power would be familiar with its contents.

So far as information in the book was concerned, damage of the kind referred to in heads (a), (b) and (f) would already have occurred. Consequently, those reasons provided nothing to be weighed in the scales against the interest in freedom of public discussion.

Head (c) involved speculation and a number of imponderables. Head (c) suggested that in order to publish with impunity, members of the secret service would have to leave the country.

With regard to head (d), it was impossible to see, in the context of the extensive publication of a wide range of the material, that there was any reasonable risk of further damage accruing which could be prevented by the grant of the interdict presently sought. His Lordship noted that criminal sanctions against the disclosure of secret government information existed but had not been utilized, and that the primary target, in any civil action, was the member of the service himself.

In the present case, bearing in mind the primary value of freedom of speech and information, there were no averments sufficient to justify tilting the balance against that freedom by granting the *interim* interdict sought.

On behalf of the petitioner it had been suggested, under reference to *Council of Civil Service Unions v Minister for the Civil Service* ([1985] AC 374) that the judgment whether publication of any material would prejudice the interests of the Crown or national security was one for the Executive. It had not been suggested in this case that national security was directly in issue. The Court was accordingly not required to accept the view of the Executive without scrutiny or without balancing that view against any other public interest.

For all those reasons the application for interim interdict should be refused.

Solicitors: Mr R. Brodie; Dundas & Wilson, CS; John G. Gray & Co, SSC; Haig-Scott & Co, WS.

Marriage after illness no bar to damages claim

Phillips v Grampian Health Board

Before Lord Sutherland

[Judgment February 18]

Where a man died as a result of an allegedly negligent failure to diagnose a malignant condition, and had married after the condition had become fatal, his widow was not prevented from recovering damages in respect of his death on the basis that she had no reasonable expectation of enjoying his society or receiving his support beyond the date on which he in fact died.

Lord Sutherland so held in the Outer House of the Court of Session in rejecting the defenders' argument to the effect that the pursuer wife had suffered no loss.

Section 1 of the Damages (Scotland) Act 1976 deals with the right to damages of the relatives of a person who has died in consequence of personal injuries sustained by him, as a result of an act or omission of another person.

Section 1(3) provides: "The damages . . . shall be such as will compensate the relative for any loss of support suffered by him since the date of the deceased's death or likely to be suffered by him as a result of the act or omission in question . . ."

Section 1(4) provides: "If the relative is a member of the deceased's immediate family there shall be awarded, without prejudice to any claim under subsection (3) above, such sum of damages, if any, as the court thinks just by way of compensation for the loss of such non-patrimonial benefit as the relative might have been expected to derive from the deceased's society and guidance if he had not died . . ."

Mrs A. Smith for the pursuer; Mr P. H. Brodie, QC and Mr R. B. M. Howie for the defenders.

LORD SUTHERLAND said that in January 1978 the deceased had been suffering from a swollen and painful testicle. He was referred to one of the defenders' hospitals for investigation. He was seen on a number of occasions, the last of which was on July 3, 1978.

In July 1979 he was examined at a different hospital where he was found to be suffering from a malignant testicular tumour. The deceased and the pursuer married in 1981. Treatment for the deceased's condition failed and he died in October 1986.

In July 1985, the deceased had raised an action against the defenders claiming damages for his illness on the ground that the first hospital should have diagnosed the testicular tumour by at latest July 3, 1978 and that he would probably have made a full recovery if the appropriate treatment had been given at that time.

After his death, the pursuer sisted herself to the action, as the deceased's executrix and also as an individual claiming damages in respect of his death. It had been contended by the defenders' counsel that when the pursuer married the deceased he was already suffering from a fatal disease, and that his death was inevitable within a very few years.

Accordingly, the pursuer had had no prospect of enjoying the deceased's society for more than those few years, nor would she have had any prospect of obtaining support from him for more than the same period.

She was accordingly suing for something which she had not lost because she had never had any contemplation of having it.

In his Lordship's opinion, the defenders' argument could not receive effect. Since the death had *ex hypothesi* been caused by the defenders' negligence, they were in effect founding on that negligence to quantify the pursuer's claim at nil. That showed that the argument was not an attractive one and that as a matter of public policy it should not receive effect unless the relevant legislation so required.

Under paragraph 1(a) of Schedule 1 to the 1976 Act, a relative included "any person who immediately before the deceased's death was the spouse of the deceased". If the defenders' argument had been correct then one would have expected the definition to be "any person who immediately before the act or omission causing personal injury leading to death was the spouse of the deceased and continued to be so until his death."

In terms of section 1(3) of the Act damages were not merely compensation for an untimely or unexpected death but were compensation for the loss of support suffered or likely to be suffered "as a result of the act or omission in question".

It had been *ex hypothesi* as a result of the defenders' negligence that the deceased had died and accordingly it had been as a result of their negligence that the pursuer was deprived of future support from the deceased.

The date of the marriage was immaterial to the claim by the pursuer. It had to be assumed that the deceased would not have died but for the negligence of the defenders.

The expectation in section 1(4) was not the expectation which in fact the pursuer had at the time of the marraige but the expectation which she would have had if the deceased had not died.

Dealing with patrimonial loss in cases where expectation of life had been reduced, section 9 of the Act provided that damages should be awarded on the basis that the pursuer should be assumed to survive until the date when he would have been expected to die had he not sustained the injuries.

If therefore the action had been concluded prior to the deceased's death, he would have received substantial damages for future loss of earnings which in fact he could never have earned. It was clear therefore that compensation for notional loss was a concept which was acceptable to Parliament.

In the circumstances, his Lordship repelled the defenders' plea that the pursuer's averments of loss as an individual were irrelevant.

Solicitors: Ranken & Reid, SSC; Mr J. L. McCubbin.

Transfer of licence after time limit has expired

Argyll Arms (McManus) Limited, Petitioners

Before Lord Clyde

[Judgment January 14]

A licensing board could validly entertain an application for the temporary transfer of a licence under section 25(3) of the Licensing (Scotland) Act 1976, to another employee or agent of the applicant, whom the applicant intended should have responsibility for the day-to-day running of the premises to which the application related, notwithstanding that the period specified in section 11(4) of that Act had expired.

Lord Clyde so held in the Outer House of the Court of Session in granting the prayer of a petition for judicial review, reducing decisions of the licensing board by which they refused to entertain an application for the temporary transfer of a licence to another employee or agent of the petitioners, and ordering the board to entertain such an application.

Section 11 of the Licensing (Scotland) Act 1976 provides: "(2) . . . the application shall name both the applicant and the employee or agent of the applicant whom the applicant intends should have responsibility for the day to day running of the premises to which the application relates . . .

"(4) Unless a licence is transferred to another employee or agent within eight weeks from the time when the employee or agent named in a licence ceases to be responsible for the day to day running of the premises to which the licence relates, the licence shall cease to have effect."

Section 25 provides: "(3) A licensing board may, on an application made to it in that behalf by a person other than an individual natural person, substitute another employee or agent of the applicant for the employee or agent mentioned in section 11 or 26 of this Act."

Mr Angus Stewart for the petitioners; Mr Gerard Moynihan for the respondents.

LORD CLYDE said that the petitioners, a limited company, had held a hotel licence in respect of their business premises at the Argyll Arms Hotel, Campbeltown, along with a Mr J. R. McManus, who was named in the licence as the person having responsibiity for the day-to-day running of the premises.

Mr McManus terminated his contract as manager of the premises at he end of August or early September 1987. There was a factual question in relation to his work in connection with the hotel from about that date.

On November 10, 1987, the petitioners applied to the Lorn, Mid-Argyll, Kintyre and Islay Divisional Licensing Board, the respondents, for the substitution of a Mr Reid in place of Mr McManus as the person whom the petitioners intended should have the responsibility for the day-to-day running of the premises.

On November 24, 1987, the respondents decided that they could not entertain the application made by the petitioners, as they considered that the licence had ceased to have effect by virtue of section 11(4) of the 1976 Act. That decision was reaffirmed by a further decision of the respondents on December 10, 1987. The petitioners sought judicial review of both decisions.

The question before the court was whether the respondents were correct in holding that it was incompetent for them to entertain the application by the petitioners after the expiry of the period of eight weeks mentioned in section 11(4). It was assumed that Mr Mcmanus had, in fact, ceased to be responsible for the day-to-day running of the premises.

His Lordship said that it wa difficult to find a clear pattern or consistent philosophy in the legislation embodied in the Licensing Act. It did appear however that the legislation recognized a distinction beween the existence of a licence and its being effective.

His Lordship referred to sections 30(1) and 31(7) of the 1976 Act as illustrations that a licence might exist without being in effect.

It was significant that, whereas elsewhere in the legislation an express time limit was prescribed for the making of applications, no express provision was made of a transfer for the purposes of substituting the employee or agent.

On a proper construction of the legislation, section 11(4) did not exclude an application being made, for the transfer of a licence to another employee or agent, after the licence had ceased to have effect.

Solicitors: Shepherd & Wedderburn, WS; Balfour & Manson, SSC.

ATHLETICS

Christie set King-size task by top Americans

By Pat Butcher, Athletics Correspondent

For a man who was not planning to run indoors this season, Linford Christie has had a frantic time in the last couple of months. And it is not over yet. Nor, probably are his changes of mind. On the plane back from Budapest, where he won the European indoor 60 metres, and finished third in the 200 metres over the weekend, Christie said he would do only one of those distances in the England v United States match at Cosford on Saturday.

But, in yesterday's team announcement, Christie lines up against Emmit King and Thomas Jefferson in the 60 metres, quite as hard a match as he had in Budapest; and against Jefferson and Willie Caldwell in the 200 metres.

King, especially, should give Christie a testing time in the 60 metres, not least at the start, where Christie is getting a reputation as a "sleeper", someone who dwells on his blocks while all around are kicking theirs off behind them.

Christie can afford to do that against European opposition, of which he has the measure, though not as much as he would like, as the 200 metres in Budapest proved. But King is a different proposition. Shorter than Christie, he is a bullet-starter. He was third in the 1984 world championship 100 metres, and came back to that sort of form when winning the Unites States indoor title last month. He has run the same best time as Christie, 6.55sec. That suggests a photo-finish scenario, which should have the sell-out crowd out of their seats. Two straight races, rather than having to run heats as well, should favour Christie, for Jefferson is the Olympic 200 metres bronze medal winner, although not presently in that sort of form.

David Sharpe, the other British gold medal winner in Budapest, moves up from the 800 to the 1,000 metres for this Kodak-sponsored match.

Sebastian Coe should have an easier time in the 3,000 metres than he had in the United States last month; unless his colleague, Adrian Passey, runs as fast as Brian Abshire did, lapping Coe and causing him to drop out, in his first race for nine months.

Greg Foster and Tonie Campbell, rivals on the track and sparring partners off it, should have the hurdles all to themselves, since Jon Ridgeon and Colin Jackson are sitting out the event.

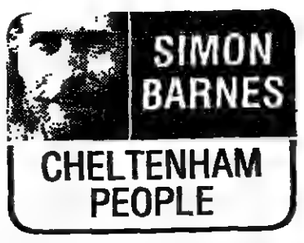
There is no truth in the rumour that the match had been brought forward a day to accommodate Barrington Williams and Jon Edwards. Both are Christians and refuse to compete on Sunday.

TEAM: 60m: L Christie (Thames Valley), B Williams (Wolverhampton and Bilston). 200m: Christie, D Reid (Shaftesbury). 400m: M Thomas (Birchfield), A N Other. 800m: I Billy (Loughborough), A Morrell (Wolverhampton and Bilston). 1000m: D Sharpe (Jarrow), A Myatt (Sandwell). Mile: R Harrison (Birchfield), A N Other. 3000m: S Coe (Haringey), A Passey (Bromsgrove). 60m hurdles: S Buckeridge (Birchfield), A Tulloch (Wolverhampton and Bilston). 4 x 400m relay: J Regis (Belgrave), others to be announced. High jump: D Grant (Haringey), J Holman (Crawley). Pole vault: A Ashurst (Sale), K Stock (Haringey). Long jump: Williams, J King (Wolverhampton and Bilston). Triple jump: J Herbert (Haringey), J Edwards (Gateshead). Shot: B Cole (Newham and Essex), M Simson (Thurrock).

● Three members of the British world cross-country junior team — Spence Duval, Jon Dennis and Neil Panchen — will compete in the national schools' championships at St Helens on Saturday.

Dashing graduate of the Corinthian school about to undertake a risky career move

Dilettante with taste for the uneasy



SIMON BARNES

CHELTENHAM PEOPLE

When you have a name like Tim Thomson Jones, there is no escape from it. You are clearly destined to be an amateur rider. And if you are dashing and handsome and brave and, what is more, rich, you might just as well lower your world-weary lids, flick an imaginary speck of dust from your irreproachable Mechlin lace cuff, and generally live the life of a Georgette Heyer hero.

After four years in the Army with the Blues and Royals, Thomson Jones has swaggered and cavorted across the racecourses of Europe, winning British amateur riding championships on the flat and over the jumps, and winning the European riders' championship three times running. He has ridden in Madagascar (he had a double) and run a race in Hamburg in which the horses gallop through a lake and actually swim a few strides, or strokes, as they go.

He rode his 200th winner last spring, and has been living the life of the most wonderfully enviable dilettantism one could imagine. All it takes is the money and, of course, the talent to do it justice. It must be awfully nice to have both those things.

"If I did not come from a background where I didn't need to make a living, I would definitely have turned professional. No question about it," he said. And there is a vast difference between an amateur and a professional, not in skill (or not necessarily) but in attitude. No question about that, either.

"Yes, there is a tremendous leap between riding for fun, when you choose to do it, and riding as a business. Riding horses you would not otherwise ride. Doing it for the money. I ride plenty of horses that have suspect careers, but they are horses I still feel I can justify riding. There is no pressure on me to ride a horse: no one will say: 'Thomson Jones doesn't ride this horse or that horse, he hasn't got the right attitude'.

"Not all amateurs are good — many have full-time jobs, they can't ride races except at weekends, they can't even ride out. But what I like about amateur races is that the people involved in them have a Corinthian attitude.

Scales of achievement: Tim Thomson Jones, giving up carefree days as an amateur rider for the responsibilities of life as a professional trainer

Obstacles overcome by competitiveness

"I have ridden all over the world, sat on horses for the first time and ridden them over the most extraordinary obstacles — I'd like to think that I have a Corinthian attitude, too.

"But I am also very competitive. Anything I do, I like to do as well as I can. When I ride against professionals, there is no special thrill in beating one: because you have to be conceited in the first place, and think you're bloody good anyway."

And as a matter of fact, Thomson Jones is bloody good anyway: strong and determined, riding startlingly short, and capable of winning races against anybody. He rides as well as most. It is his attitude that is forever amateur.

But after cutting his swathe around Europe, and passing the magic age — he is now, hateful to say, 31 — Thomson Jones seems to be totally in the grip of the Prince Hal syndrome. He has a sudden voracious appetite for care and responsibility and maturity and solidity and above all, for professionalism.

He has always wanted to train racehorses, and has worked under Tim Forster and Peter Walwyn. But now he is aching to start for himself: "The whole idea of entering racing was to train, and that is why I never became a professional jockey. It has all been geared to starting up as a trainer.

Responsible to owners and to employees

"And I shall give up riding at the end of this jumping season, and start to train. I am negotiating for a yard, and I hope to set up very soon indeed.

"You can't go in as a trainer with a pure Corinthian, do-it-for-fun attitude. You have a responsibility to the owners and to the people you employ. You must give 100 per cent of your time to making it work. The right attitude is everything, absolutely everything. I shan't continue riding: that wouldn't be right. I shall be taking training very seriously. I have been lucky enough to achieve the goals I wanted to, as a rider, and that is why the challenge of training is coming at the right time.

"It is a whole new challenge. The thing is that racing is a business. A very serious business." Uneasy lies any head that trains racehorses. But I suppose that is part of the point. Thomson Jones is looking forward to a taste of unease.

TOMORROW

Gee Armytage, the darling of last year's Cheltenham Festival, prepares for next week's challenge.

ROWING

Henley's boost to juniors

By Jim Railton

Henley Royal Regatta made even more friends in the sport when the stewards announced after their annual meeting in December that they would give financial support to specific rowing projects.

This year, the Amateur Rowing Association (ARA) was asked to list a number of proposals for the Henley stewards' consideration, and the stewards have decided to give financial support for four of them. The total support given, including the tax relief which will be generated, amounts to £43,000.

The stewards will fund the salary and expenses of a full-time coach for the junior national squad, initially for three years. This is an important post and should prove to be a valuable investment for the future.

A high proportion of British junior oarsmen and oarswomen are from schools rather than boat clubs, and it is impractical to bring together those with international potential on any regular basis throughout the training season. Also, schoolboy and schoolgirl rowers normally train on weekday afternoons, too, rather than weekends, making it impossible for an amateur coach to fulfil this particular task. A professional coach is needed to visit venues throughout the country, to co-ordinate coaching and make assessments of the developing talent in the sport.

Sun really shone on the juniors with the news yesterday that the Henley stewards will, for this year only, assist with the cost of the April assessment camp and the July selection camp for the junior men's and women's Great Britian squad designates.

The stewards also recognize that Britain's often talented lightweight team is often regarded as the Cinderella of the sport and almost at the very end of the line when it comes to hand-outs. While the stewards again make it clear they do not expect to fund squad training camps each year, the talented lightweights will be given every financial assistance to attend the training camp in Italy this year prior to the lightweight world championships in Milan in early August.

The fourth project is a 50 per cent funding of a video on the physiology of exercise, to made in conjunction with the physiology unit of the British Olympic Association at Northwick Park, and which will be of benefit to many sports.

Steps are also being taken to set up the Stewards' Charitable Trust, which will provide such support in future, as long as the beneficiaries can claim to have charitable purposes.

Change of heart

Colin Breen, the Swansea boxing manager, has abandoned plans to sue the BBBC after they stripped his boxer, Robert Dickie, of the British featherweight title for inactivity. Dickie is now likely to get a world top ten place and he has the chance of a crack at the European featherweight title.

Gymnastics has established a mass appeal at the start of its centenary year

Vaulting towards future success from a century's springboard

By Peter Ayckroyd

The British Amateur Gymnastics Association (BAGA) is celebrating its centenary at a time when the sport is enjoying popularity not experienced since the Amateur Gymnastics and Fencing Association, the BAGA's forerunner, was set up in 1888.

A century ago British gymnasts were among the most enthusiastic in Europe. In common with many countries, Britain had adopted the German system of gymnastics as developed in the early 1800s by the educationalist, Friederich Jahn, to improve the health and strength of its soldiers. Jahn had developed several pieces of apparatus, including the rings, pommel horse, parallel bars and horizontal bar, for basic strength exercises.

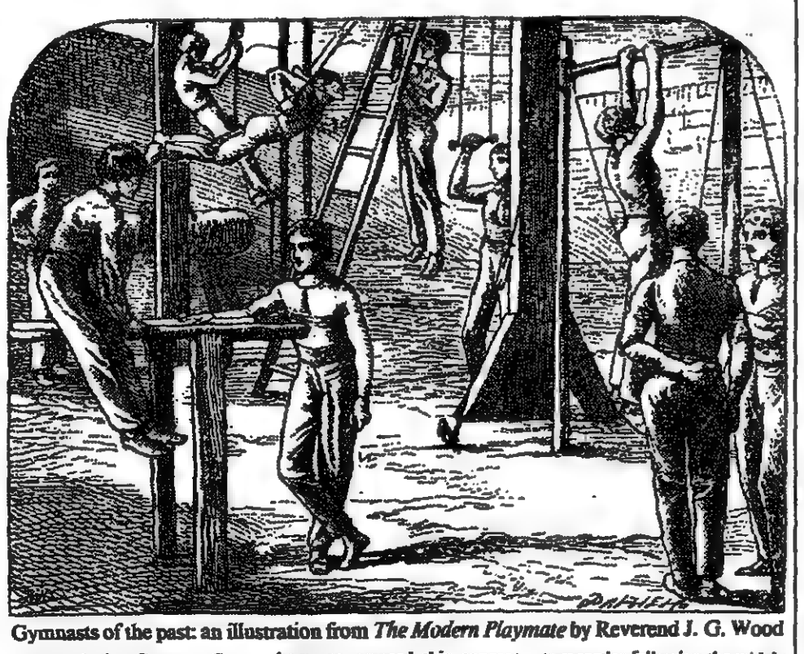
After the founding of the Army Physical Training Corps in the 1860s, gymnastics spread throughout the military and civilian populations. The sport soon took on a competitive form and — strictly for men only — matched the patriotic mood of the time. In 1893 Colonel G. Malcolm Fox, Inspector of Army Gymnasia, stated: "Gymnastics should create courageous men, capable of powerful deeds."

The high point of British gymnastics this century was reached at the 1908 London Olympic Games, in which Stanley Tysall won the individual silver medal. The AGFA then boasted 60,000 registered gymnasts in 200 clubs.

From that time on, however, the British sport declined. The main reason for this was the growth of the Swedish method of gymnastics, favouring free physical expression, developed by Pehr Henrik Ling at the same time as the German system.

The Swedish system, developed on a scientific basis for the unisex approach, had many advantages for teachers. It required little or no apparatus, and large classes could be handled with comparative ease. Ling's teachings thus became widespread in schools.

During the First World War the British people reacted against much of German culture, and the German Gymnastics Society did not survive.



Gymnasts of the past: an illustration from *The Modern Playmate* by Reverend J. G. Wood

From then on the sport could flourish only in a few private clubs, mainly directed at adults, and which debarred many enthusiastic young gymnasts by age and entry fee. But even though numbers of gymnasts were declining rapidly, the British men's team finished fifth and sixth at the 1920 Antwerp and 1924 Paris Olympic Games respectively. At the 1928 Amsterdam Games, where women gymnasts made their debut, the British women won a team bronze, the most recent British gymnastics medal achieved at a global event.

After the Second World War all new gymnasts had new techniques to learn. Not only had the German and Swedish systems finally come together to give the sport its modern format, but the Soviet Union, in its first Olympic appearance in Helsinki in 1952, demonstrated that gymnastics now had aesthetic possibilities. Few people, however, grasped this concept until 1960, when the Rome Olympics were, for the first time, covered by television.

The resulting impact led to the revival of the sport in Britain. Within a few months the Amateur Gymnastics Association, as AGFA had become, acquired its first sponsor — Odhams Press — enabling the 1960 British championships to be staged for the first time at a major venue, the Albert Hall.

The newly named BAGA achieved another breakthrough in 1963 when Government grants enabled it to launch a scheme to train coaches and appoint its first full-time national coach, Wray "Nik" Stuart. Among Stewart's many achievements was the devising of the BAGA Awards, the renowned proficiency scheme used today by 70 countries for training young gymnasts.

The BAGA Awards were introduced in time for the enormous surge in interest in gymnastics following the widely televised appearances of Olga Korbut at the 1972 Munich Olympic Games, and since then the BAGA has been expanding rapidly.

Today it has 75,000 registered members in 1,000 clubs and employs seven full-time coaches, headed by John Atkinson, the BAGA technical director.

The BAGA is determined that its next century will see British gymnasts move higher up the world league table. At present British women are ranked seventeenth and the men nineteenth. The Association is officially opening its £1.25 million National Centre, which has been constructed with the support of the Sports Council at Lilleshall.

John Atkinson is optimistic about the future: "The increase in facilities in what is one of the best centres in the world will provide greater flow, greater inspiration and greater motivation."

TODAY'S FIXTURES

7.30 unless stated

Barclays League First division
Tottenham v Everton (7.45)

Fourth division
Exeter v Peterborough

Sherpa Van Trophy Northern section Semi-final
Hartlepool v Preston

Southern section Semi-final
Brighton v Notts Co

GM Acceptance Cup Quarter-final
Welling v Weymouth

CENTRAL LEAGUE (7.0): First division: Hull v Grimsby. Second division: Darlington v York; Scunthorpe v Bolton; Stoke v Mansfield; West Bromwich v Blackburn.
SUNDAY MIRROR COMBINATION: Crystal Palace v Swindon (at Tooting and Mitcham FC); Ipswich v Charlton (3.0); Reading v Chelsea (2.0).
VAUXHALL-OPEL LEAGUE: AC Delco Cup: Semi-final, first leg: Yeovil v Kingstonian. Second division south: Horsham v Whyteleafe (7.45); Molesey v Hungerford.
NORTHERN PREMIER LEAGUE: Premier division: Caernarfon v Worksop. First division: Congleton v Eastwood Hanley.
BEAZER HOMES LEAGUE: Premier division: Redditch v Shepshed. Midland division: Mile Oak v Halesowen; Paget Rangers v Hednesford. Southern division: Dunstable v Hastings; Gravesend and Northfleet v Bury; Tonbridge v Dover.
GREAT MILLS LEAGUE: Premier division: Bideford v Taunton (7.45); Radstock v Clandown.
FACIT KENT SENIOR CUP: Semi-final: Maidstone United v Bromley.
KNIGHT FLOODLIT LEAGUE: Harlow v Saffron Walden.

RUGBY UNION

MOBBS MEMORIAL MATCH: East Midlands v Barbarians (at Northampton, 3.0).
UAU CHAMPIONSHIP: Final: Loughborough v Swansea (at Twickenham, 3.0).
BRITISH POLYTECHNICS CUP: Final: Wales v Sheffield (at Saracens, 3.0).
BRITISH COLLEGES CUP: Final: Jordanhill v West London Institute (at Orrell, 3.0).
HOSPITALS CUP: Final: Royal Free v St Mary's (at Guy's Hospital RFC, Honor Oak Park, 2.30).
CLUB MATCHES: Bridgend v Swansea (7.15); Cross Keys v Aberavon (7.0); Durham v Durham University (7.0); Glamorgan Wanderers v Maesteg (7.15); Moseley v Abertillery; Newbridge v South Glamorgan Institute; Newport v Ebbw Vale; Oxford University v Oxfordshire (7.15); Pontypridd v Penarth (7.15).

RUGBY LEAGUE

STONES BITTER CHAMPIONSHIP: Second division: Carlisle v Barrow; Rochdale v Wakefield.

OTHER SPORT

BADMINTON: England v Soviet Union (at Bletchley).
BASKETBALL: Nat/West Trophy: Bolton and Bury v Oldham (6.0).
BILLIARDS: Monarflex world championships (at Bolton).
BOXING: British and Commonwealth heavyweight championship: Horace Notice v Trevor Ourne (at York Hall, Bethnal Green); European flyweight championship: Duke McKenzie v Agapito Gómez (Sp) (at Wembley Grand Hall). Other tournament: Trentham Gardens Hotel, Burslem.
BOWLS: Embassy world indoor championships (at Alexandra Palace). Indoor county matches: Buckinghamshire v Berkshire (at Stoke Mandeville); South Glamorgan v Wiltshire (at Cardiff).
JUDO: British open (at Crystal Palace NSC).
RACKETS: Citission open singles championship (at Queen's Club, West Kensington).

SPORT ON TV

BOWLS: BBC2 3.0, 4.30 and 6.0 p.m.: Embassy world indoor championships from Alexandra Palace (see also Sportsnight).
MIDWEEK SPORT SPECIAL: ITV 10.35 p.m.: Boxing: British and Commonwealth heavyweight championship: Horace Notice (holder) v Trevor Currie and British flyweight championship: Pat Clinton v Joe Kelly from York Hall, Bethnal Green; WBA world middleweight championship: Mike McCallum (holder) v Sumbu Kalambay from San Remo, Italy.
SPORTSNIGHT: BBC1 10 p.m.: Boxing: European flyweight championship: Duke McKenzie (holder) v Agapito Gómez (Sp) from Wembley. Bowls: Embassy world indoor championships from Alexandra Palace. Football: Tonight's news.

BOXING

McKenzie must be on guard

By Bryan Stiles

Complacency and lack of motivation are the greatest dangers facing Duke McKenzie as he awaits the world title chance that must surely come his way in the next 12 months. Like all boxers close to challenging for a world crown, the European flyweight champion cannot afford a slip-up. Defeat now could wreck his chances, not just in the short-term.

It follows then that, though his defence against the Spanish challenger, Agapito Gómez, may look a bit of a chore, the Croydon boxer must ensure he is fired up to knock the Spaniard clean off his crazy merry-go-round of self deception tonight at the Grand Hall, Wembley.

McKenzie had dreams of being world champion at this stage, the chores of taking on the rugged little Continentals well behind him, but Sot Chitalada, of Thailand, the World Boxing Council champion, was unable to journey to Wembley last year because of influenza.

Bang went McKenzie's chance of taking the crown and he responded by putting on a dismal performance in defeating Juan Herrera, the former World Boxing Association champion, in his last bout, last December. He cannot afford a such a display tonight.

While McKenzie must have felt his career had come to an abrupt halt Gómez was merrily going around in circles. In the past three years he has met, and beaten, Juan Montero three times, Blas Canovas three times, and Germán Núñez twice. The victories might look good on his record but it reveals a deplorable lack of ambition, and probably a lack of talent. He carries no worthy scalp on his belt.

At 29 he is four years older than McKenzie, who is still undefeated in 18 bouts. The Croydon boxer took the British title from Danny Flynn in March 1985 and the European crown from Charlie Magri in May the following year.

McKenzie last defended his European title against Giampiero Pinna in Italy, the Italian's spirited do-or-die performance making life extremely difficult for the Briton

The lanky McKenzie's long reach and stinging left jab has often set up his opponents for dispatch at the receiving end of a right cross. It is a tactic his manager, Mickey Duff, will be looking for tonight.

Notice out to add weight to cause

By Srikumar Sen, Boxing Correspondent

If Horace Notice were a stone heavier and 2½ inches taller he would be the most talked about heavyweight in Britain and leading the challenge for Mike Tyson's title.

Technically Notice is far superior to Frank Bruno and Gary Mason, his better known colleagues at Terry Lawless's gym, but because he is 14st 13lb and 6ft 1½in "small", the British and Commonwealth champion has gone unnoticed despite his record of 16 out of 16, 11 of those wins coming inside the distance. He has even won a Lonsdale Belt outright.

Notice should chalk up another win when he defends his titles against Trevor Currie at York Hall, Bethnal Green, London. A spectacular finish could signal a move into the hype-powered world of Bruno.

Notice and Currie met almost two years ago on the Isle of Man and Notice took the title from Currie by stopping the 16st Catford man in six rounds. Since then Currie has had five contests, winning four and losing one and changed managers, moving from Frank Warren to Mike Barrett.

If Currie's luck and stamina have changed, he could cause an upset, though there is no reason to suppose that there have been any significant improvements in stamina and boxing ability. Currie does, however, carry a heavy, if not devastating, punch, and his best bet is to land it early as he did in the Isle of Man, forcing Notice to take a count.

If Currie has not taken charge by the sixth round he could be in trouble. If his arms and legs give out he could find himself in the same painful situation of having to drag himself round the ring as when he struggled to stay on his feet and lift his arms against Proud Kilimanjaro in Cardiff. In such a case Notice will put him out of his misery.

At the other end of the scale, two Scottish flyweights, Pat Clinton and Joe Kelly, contest the British championship vacated by Dave McAuley, of Larne. Like Notice and Currie, the two little men have met before, when Clinton stopped the Glaswegian in two rounds on a cut.

Clinton, who won two ABA titles and went to the Los Angeles Olympics, is unbeaten in 12 contests. He is a southpaw and a good boxer. He has a good right hook and can string three hard punches together.

Kelly, who has been stopped twice in his 14-bout career by McAuley and Bobby McDermott, can be too game for his own good and before long could come on to the Croy boxer's blows and be stopped in the later rounds.

Duran bout in London

By Srikumar Sen

Three former world champions, Roberto Duran, James "Bonecrusher" Smith and John Tate, will be meeting British opponents in London in March and April on shows promoted by Terry Marsh and Frank Maloney.

Duran's opponent will be the winner of the middleweight bout between Errol Christie and Prince Rodney, who appear on the bill that features Tate against Noel Quarless, of Liverpool, on March 30. If Quarless, wins he then meets Smith.

However, before all 17 stones of Tate can enter the ring, he will have to satisfy the British Boxing Board of Control (BBBC) that he is fit to box. He has boxed once this year and twice in 1987. John Morris, the secretary of the Board, said yesterday: "I only heard yesterday that Tate was coming. I gather he has been rather more than 17st, so we would like to know what is the state of his health, what commission he belongs to, and what they have to say about him."

The Board also has another bout between heavyweights to settle before that. It must decide who has the right to promote the Commonwealth welterweight title bout: Frank Warren or Mike Barrett.

Warren lodged a contract with the Commonwealth Federation for George Collins to challenge Wilf Gentzen, of Australia, at York Hall on March 29, and Barrett waved a contract about yesterday for Gary Jacobs to meet Gentzen at Glasgow on April 13. Warren's contract is signed by Gentzen's agent, Barrett's by the champion and his father, who is his manager. The matter goes before the Board today.

RUGBY LEAGUE

World final may go to Wembley

By Keith Macklin

Officials of the Rugby League are considering a suggestion that, in the event of Great Britain and Australia reaching the final of the World Cup, the match should be played at Wembley.

Plans are almost complete for the final to be staged in Los Angeles as a development exercise, coinciding with a major campaign to popularize Rugby League in the United States. However, the Los Angeles stadium has a maximum capacity of only 12,000.

David Howes, the League's public relations officer, was at pains to stress yesterday that the idea of taking the final to Wembley is no more than a suggestion, with Los Angeles still the favourite venue.

Darren Bloor, the Salford half back, will appear before the disciplinary committee tomorrow and will use a videotape as evidence in his attempt to avoid suspension. Salford need Bloor for their Silk Cut Challenge Cup semi-final at Bolton on Saturday.

Bloor appears before the committee after three sin-bin offences, the last of which involved an alleged foul tackle on the St Helens half back, Neil Holding, in Salford's surprise cup win in the quarter-finals.

Edwards can take starring role

By Mandarin
(Michael Phillips)

With Pearlyman, Kissane, Bob Tisdall and Yahoo to represent him, John Edwards, the successful Ross-on-Wye trainer, is entitled to look forward to next week's National Hunt Festival at Cheltenham in an optimistic mood.

For the time being though, it is business as usual, but on a lower level, at Bangor where I envisage his stable landing a double with STAR OF SCREEN (3.0) and TEAM APPROACH (4.0).

Star Of Screen sidesteps Cheltenham to go for the Gredington Long Distance Handicap Chase which his trainer regards as a more suitable stepping stone to a crack at Ayr's Scottish National.

Having won the Eider Chase over four miles and a furlong at Newcastle last month, Star Of Screen has shown that he possesses boundless stamina.

So too does Mithras, who won the Kent Marathon Handicap Chase over nearly four miles at Folkestone last month.

Significantly, Mithras escaped picking up a penalty for today's race by just a day whereas both Star Of Screen and Border Lad, the only other runner, have been penalised 8lb for winning since this handicap was framed.

However, Mithras has failed to complete the course at Nottingham since his win at Folkestone where he had little in hand.

In the circumstances, I think the way looks clear for Star Of Screen to score again. At Newcastle, he was 15 lengths to the good passing the post.

After winning a hunter chase by 10 lengths at Southwell last Friday, stable companion Team Approach makes a speedy return to contest the EBF Novices' Chase which should be within his compass.

The Edwards stable has a third fancied runner at Bangor today in the shape of Mallypha, who won on the Flat in France last year when he was trained by Francois Boutin.

Following that improved run, behind Brave Defender at Wincanton 13 days ago, he will be expected to make a bold showing in the Chirk Novices' Hurdle.

In this instance, though, I prefer HOTEL LOTTI who trounced Sky Cat by 12 lengths when making that spectacular jumping debut at Uttoxeter.

Sky Cat himself returns to the fray this afternoon for a crack at the second division of the Hornby Novices' Hurdle at Catterick Bridge.

Well that he should go in the capable hands of Lorcan Wyer, I am going nap on SALACITY being able to continue the excellent run currently being enjoyed by his trainer George Moore and jockey Michael Hammond.

Following that breathtakingly easy win over today's course and distance a fortnight ago, Salacity now looks poised to extend their highly commendable one in four strike rate.

Earlier in the day, REGAL REFORM, another of Moore's young horses, will take his chance in the first division. But he is basically only a selling plater and I prefer LOTUS ISLAND (2.15), who was not disgraced in useful company at Newcastle after winning at Nottingham.

BANGOR

Selections

By Mandarin

2.30 Honeycroft.
3.00 Star Of Screen.
3.30 Chatterspark.
4.00 Hotel Lotti.
4.30 Team Approach.
5.00 Shrewd Operator.
5.30 Boutzdaroff.

Michael Seely's selection: 5.30 Boutzdaroff.
The Times Private Handicapper's top rating: 4.00 HOTEL LOTTI.
Brian Beel's selection: 5.00 Dalmore.

Going: good (soft approaching water jump)

2.30 HOLYWELL SELLING HURDLE (Div I: £739: 2m 80yd) (12 runners)

2 203-P0P GODFATHER'S GIFT 25 (F) (D Malam) R E Peacock 8-11-8 Miss S Baxter (7) ● 99
7 0P66F0 BROAD WOOD 12 (P Axon) R Hodges 6-11-4 W Irvine (7) —
8 0-FP CASUAL STAR 151 (M Page) W Clay 5-11-4 Diane Clay (7) —
9 0000-00 COCKALORUM 18 (G) (T Waldron) Miss P Hall 6-11-4 A Webb 93
13 0000/PP JAY-ZEE BOY 152 (B Hicks) J M Bradley 6-11-4 G Davies —
14 JURISPRUDENCE (J Burrows) P Bevan 5-11-4 J Burton (7) —
18 P-0P0 RESHA 6 (P Anderson) P Anderson 5-11-4 T Wall —
21 004200 WALMER SANDS 121 (Mrs A Esp) B Preece 8-11-4 P Warner 83
27 00042-4 HONEYCROFT 21 (Mrs V Hurst) R Frost 6-10-13 J Frost 92
31 U ROYAL CRUSADER 5 (R Darlington) M James 5-10-13 Sharron James —
36 040 RIPSTER 8 (J Nolan) Miss S Wilton 4-10-10 S Davies (7) —
37 P0210 MARIE BABY 95 (BF,S) (J Wilcox) F Jordan 4-10-9 C Smith 94

BETTING: 5-2 Marie Baby, 3-1 Honeycroft, 9-2 Ripster, 5-1 Walmer Sands, 7-1 Jurisprudence, 12-1 Godfather's Gift, 14-1 Royal Crusader, Cockalorum, 16-1 others.

1987: MEETING ABANDONED - SNOW AND FROST

FORM GODFATHERS GIFT (10-8) 15l 3rd to Tour De Force (11-2) at Towcester last season (2m, hcap hdle, £1379, good, Apr 20, 12 ran).
HONEYCROFT (10-13) 12l 2nd to Shuttlecock Star (11-9) at Stratford on penultimate start (2m 6f, sell hcap, £924, heavy, Feb 17, 17 ran).
RIPSTER (10-10) 17l 4th to Nuns Royal (10-12) at Taunton on penultimate start (2m 1f, cond sell, £711, soft, Feb 18, 10 ran).
MARIE BABY (10-3) favourite when beating Clara's Lad (11-9) 2l at Ludlow on penultimate start (2m, sell, £706, soft, Nov 26, 16 ran).
Selection: HONEYCROFT

3.0 GREDINGTON LONG DISTANCE HANDICAP CHASE (£2841: 3m 4f) (3 runners)

1 3FU121 STAR OF SCREEN 18 (C,F,G,S) (R McAlpine) J Edwards 8-12-0 (8ex) T Morgan ● 99
3 4-3111U MITHRAS 8 (BF,F,G,S) (Mrs H Richards) B Preece 10-11-5 G Landau 97
4 1-P0F41 BORDER LAD 18 (G,S) (R Falers) M Oliver 7-10-12 (8ex) E Buckley 95

BETTING: Evens Star Of Screen, 11-8 Mithras, 6-1 Border Lad.

FORM STAR OF SCREEN (10-7) beat King Kanda (10-0) 15l at Newcastle (4m 1f, £7264, soft, Feb 20, 8 ran).
MITHRAS (10-1), on penultimate start, beat Dart Over (10-3) a neck at Folkestone (3m 7f, £3048, heavy, Feb 17, 8 ran).
BORDER LAD (10-2) beat Duncombe Prince (10-7) short head at Nottingham (3m, £4394, good, Feb 20, 4 ran).
Selection: MITHRAS

3.30 HOLYWELL SELLING HURDLE (Div II: £737: 2m 80yd) (12 runners)

1 403002 CHATTERSPARK 58 (B,S) (Mrs E Tucker) R Hodges 5-11-8 W Irvine (7) 92
4 1PP-F00 POLISH KNIGHT 5 (B,G) (T Clayton) A Brown 6-11-8 D Dutton ● 99
12 P- FRANK DALE 482 (Mrs R Jones) G H Jones 5-11-4 G Jones —
15 F00000 MONARCH'S RULE 58 (B Stevens) B Stevens 5-11-4 R Stronge 83
19 66-P THE BATCHLOR 22 (V) (E Whetton) M Castell 5-11-4 D Meadow (7) —
25 04 FANDANGO PRINCESS 6 (Mrs K Oseman) G Price 5-10-13 M Price (7) —
26 PU/PP-0P HEROIC SONG 82 (D Howe) A Fisher 6-10-13 D Fisher —
28 P-P IVY MAY 123 (W Morris) J M Bradley 5-10-13 G Davies —
29 00/2-040 MISS APEX 12 (Mrs M Jackson) Mrs M Jackson 6-10-13 R Crank 96
30 000P MISS DORSET 40 (Miss S Lavery) M James 5-10-13 Sharron James —
34 000/0F-P WOOD FARM GIRL 81 (B) (P Hamer) P Hamer 6-10-13 Miss S Baxter (7) —
38 F00 FINAL RUSH 8 (R Jefries) K Wingrove 4-10-5 M Bowlby —

BETTING: 3-1 Polish Knight, 7-2 Chatterspark, 4-1 Monarch's Rule, 5-1 Fandango Princess, 6-1 Miss Apex, 12-1 The Batchlor, 14-1 Final Rush, 16-1 others.

FORM CHATTERSPARK (10-2) 1l 2nd to Malsiot Royale (11-0) at Windsor last time (2m 30yd, sell, £1164, good to soft, Jan 1, 17 ran) with MONARCH'S RULE (10-5) 17l 6th.
POLISH KNIGHT drops in grade; favourite for Wetherby seller last season when (10-11) beating Mister Golden (11-5) neck (2m, £1120, good, Nov 25, 15 ran).
FANDANGO PRINCESS (10-12) 15l 4th to Improvise (11-2) in Ludlow seller last time (2m, £703, good, Mar 3, 11 ran).
MISS APEX (10-11) 16½l 4th to Tebbito (10-8) in Worcester novices' race on penultimate start (2m, £685, good to firm, Sep 12, 9 ran).
Selection: POLISH KNIGHT

4.0 CHIRK NOVICES HURDLE (4-Y-O: £685: 2m 80yd) (15 runners)

2 2100P0 BIRWAZ 8 (S) (H Bishop) B Stevens 11-5 R Stronge 77
3 1 HOTEL LOTTI 25 (S) (G Babbage) O O'Neill 11-0 N Babbage ● 99
4 1236 PANIENKA 50 (S) (A Lomas) E Owen jnr 11-0 D J Burchell (4) 86
5 3 ALCATRAZ 16 (T Ramsden) D Ringer 10-12 G McCourt 87
7 0F04 ELEGANT ISLE 57 (M Lee) M Pipe 10-12 J Lower 82
13 26040 KEEL 23 (B Bishop) K Bridgwater 10-12 A Webb 86
14 00 LATERAL 49 (R Miles) J M Bradley 10-12 G Davies —
15 03 MALLYPHA 13 (R Firth) J Edwards 10-12 T Morgan 90
19 200 PLAN OF ATTACK 16 (V) (F Lee) F Lee 10-12 P Dever 87
20 P ROMAN DART 23 (Mrs M McL Barker) M Scudamore 10-12 A Sharpe —
21 2 GOLD 'N SOFT 41 (P Doyle) J O'Shea 10-7 J Doyle 73
22 4F IRIRI 25 (A Blackham) B Cambidge 10-7 Mr J Cambidge 88
23 00 JUST SOMETHING 55 (Mrs M Price) B Preece 10-7 G Landau —
24 000 NEEDWOOD NYMPH 19 (Needwood Turf Accountants Ltd) B Morgan 10-7 S J O'Neill 77
25 THE VICTOR GIRLS (P Harvey) P Harvey 10-7 — —

BETTING: 11-4 Hotel Lotti, 7-2 Elegant Isle, 4-1 Mallypha, 11-2 Alcatraz, 7-1 Plan Of Attack, 10-1 Panienka, 12-1 Birwaz, Gold 'N Soft, 14-1 Keel, 16-1 others.

FORM HOTEL LOTTI (10-11) 25-1 when beating Sky Cat (10-10) 12l on Uttoxeter debut (2m, £839, heavy, Feb 13, 14 ran) with NEEDWOOD NYMPH (10-5) well-beaten 7th and IRIRI (10-5) a faller.
PANIENKA (10-4) 10l 3rd to Chantilly Lace (10-7) at Wolverhampton on penultimate start (2m, £685, soft, Dec 28, 17 ran) with NEEDWOOD NYMPH (10-7) 3½l 5th and PLAN OF ATTACK (10-12) unplaced.
ALCATRAZ (10-10) 18l 3rd to Necochea (10-11) on Wolverhampton debut (2m 4f, £685, good to soft, Feb 22, 14 ran) with PLAN OF ATTACK (10-10) 8l 6th.
GOLD 'N SOFT (10-2) 2l 2nd to Nuns Royal (10-2) on selling debut at Taunton (2m 1f, £761, heavy, Jan 28, 11 ran).
Selection: HOTEL LOTTI

Guide to our in-line racecard

103 8-0432 GOOD TIMES 74 (CD,BF,F,G,S) (Mrs D Robinson) B Hall 9-10-0 B West (4) 88

Racecard number. Six-figure form (F-fell. P-pulled up. U-unseated rider. B-brought down. S-slipped up. R-refused). Horse's name. Days since last outing. (B-blinkers. V-visor. H-hood. E-Eyeshield. C-course winner. D-distance winner. CD-course and distance winner. BF-beaten favourite in latest race). Going on which horse has won (F-firm, good to firm, hard. G-good. S-soft, good to soft, heavy). Owner in brackets. Trainer. Age and weight. Rider plus any allowance. The Times Private Handicapper's rating.

4.30 EBF NOVICES CHASE (£1,896: 3m) (14 runners)

1 0B100U IL CASTAGNO 12 (D,G,S) (G Wragg) D L Williams 8-11-10 C Mann 75
5 01-1 TEAM APPROACH 5 (F,G) (H Parker) J Edwards 7-11-10 T Morgan 88
8 P/0-020P BELLWAY 39 (Exors of the late H Dale) Miss S Wilton 7-11-3 W Knox —
12 40/40F0 CUCKOO MILL 68 (Exors of the late R Williams) M Scudamore 9-11-3 M Williams 58
13 P06/PU-0 EDGED GOLD 11 (Mrs V Stacey) P Anderson 11-11-3 T Wall —
14 030334 GEORGIAN BAY 9 (S) (Mrs M Oliver) M Oliver 6-11-3 E Buckley —
15 PP/000P KEEP FIGHTING 9 (B) (Mrs P Aldersey) M Scudamore 6-11-3 A Sharpe —
16 F43/3P-2 LAKEFIELD 19 (J Bukovets) J Bukovets 9-11-3 R Stronge ● 99
19 0200/00 PIKEMAN 96 (R Edwards) Mrs W Sykes 6-11-3 C Llewellyn —
22 040-06F SHOTINGO 7 (W Sheedy) W Sheedy 8-11-3 K Ryan (4) —
23 PP0300 SPOT THE PATCH 9 (G) (P Wilkins) Mrs S Oliver 8-11-3 R Hyett 77
25 30PP0/P- TUDOR FUN 375 (B) (Miss L Wallace) P Anderson 8-11-3 — —
29 P6680/F MINNIE FULLER 20 (B Hicks) J Bradley 7-10-12 G Davies —
30 0/000-00 STAR PART 21 (J Price) G H Jones 10-10-12 G Jones —

BETTING: 6-4 Team Approach, 9-4 Lakefield, 5-1 Georgian Bay, 8-1 Il Castagno, 10-1 Spot The Patch, 14-1 Cuckoo Mill, 20-1 Pikeman, Bellway, 25-1 others.

FORM TEAM APPROACH (12-0) beat Rare Deal (11-13) 10l at Southwell (2m 74yd hunt ch, £854, good, Mar 4, 8 ran).
CUCKOO MILL (10-12) 31½l 6th to Conjugate (10-12) at Leicester (3m, £3285, soft, Dec 31, 16 ran).
LAKEFIELD (10-10) 8l 2nd to Perroquet (10-10) at Fakenham (3m, £1657, good to soft, Feb 19, 14 ran).
GEORGIAN BAY (11-1) beaten a distance when 4th to Flying Irish (11-1) at Leicester (3m, £1276, good to soft, Feb 29, 15 ran).
SPOT THE PATCH (11-0) 20½l 6th to Master Vulgan (10-4) at Doncaster (2m 150yd sell ch, £1318, firm, Feb 29, 15 ran).
Selection: LAKEFIELD

5.0 GILBERT COTTON MEMORIAL HUNTERS CHASE (Amateurs: £680: 2m 4f) (7 runners)

1 PP042/0- BEN LAIR 324 (G,S) (D Godfrey) D Godfrey 10-12-0 A Ulyett (7) —
2 UPP4PF- BRINKWATER 373 (G) (D Pitcher) D Pitcher 12-12-0 D Pitcher (7) —
3 0P-062F DALTMORE 22 (F,G,S) (R Aston) R Aston 10-12-0 W Barlow (7) 98
5 002013 MAYANNCOR 12 (D,G,S) (G Wragg) D L Williams 10-12-0 G Wragg (7) ● 99
6 111-430 SHREWD OPERATOR 11 (D,BF,F,G,S) (J Upson) T Casey 11-12-0 — 94
8 20002/0 BARNING 23 (J Milner) J Milner 12-11-7 R Jones (7) —
9 30002P/ BORN BOSSY 841 (T Bailey) T Bailey 10-11-2 Miss V Williams (7) —

BETTING: 7-4 Daltmore, 2-1 Mayanncor, 3-1 Shrewd Operator, 14-1 Barning, 16-1 Born Bossy, 20-1 Brinkwater.

FORM BEN LAIR (12-0) beaten a distance when 5th to Vinoci (12-0) at Hereford (2m 3l, £1341, firm, Apr 20, 16 ran).
DALTMORE (11-11), on penultimate start, 1l 2nd to Kolme (10-11) at Dundalk (3m 164yd hcap ch, £1037, firm, Aug 19, 5 ran).
MAYANNCOR (12-5) not jump fluently when 32l 3rd to Beamwam (12-2) at Nottingham (3m 2l, £984, good, Feb 26, 6 ran); previously (12-6) beat Selbourne Rambler (12-6) 7l at Newbury (2m 4f, £1716, heavy, Feb 12, 10 ran) with SHREWD OPERATOR (12-6) well-beaten 4th.
SHREWD OPERATOR (11-11), on penultimate start, 10½l 3rd to Desert Fox (12-0) at Wolverhampton (3m 1f, £680, good to soft, Feb 22, 16 ran).
Selection: DALTMORE

5.30 LADBROKE RACING NOVICES HANDICAP HURDLE (£2,656: 2m 80yd) (18 runners)

5 000 NICOLENE'S HOPE 47 (S Gallagher) R Holder 5-11-10 N Coleman 80
10 440021 BIETSCHHORN HUT 18 (S) (A Clapperton) D Gandolfo 6-11-7 (7ex) I Shoemark (7) 90
11 000-002 ARABIAN BLUES 21 (R Wright) B Stevens 5-11-6 R Stronge 95
12 00433 PALS GALORE 11 (J Singleton) D McCain 6-11-6 — ● 99
13 024000 MCCALLUN 70 (CD,F) (Miss L Williamson) I Wardle 4-11-5 K Townsend 87
14 0330P MANTIQUE 18 (D Ella) P Bevan 5-11-4 T Wall 90
15 0-200 BOUTZDAROFF 11 (M Wrigley) Jimmy Fitzgerald 6-11-3 D Byrne (7) 88
17 430-06F AMETHEA 14 (B) (Lady Bailey) T Bailey 5-11-3 Miss V Williams 88
18 0000 JACKDAW 6 (J Bigg) R Hollinshead 6-11-3 P Dever 90
20 094/ BEAU QUEST 883 (Mrs C Derby) R Simpson 5-11-2 D Gallagher (4) —
22 044-060 STORMGUARD 74 (C Plant) W Clay 5-11-0 Diane Clay (7) 82
23 2PP06 SOLO PLAYER 11 (V) (J Caswell) J Codd 5-11-0 T Morgan 85
25 P02030 GARDA'S GOLD 8 (T Little) R Dickin 5-10-13 M Jones (7) 92
26 202-320 SINGING HILLS 100 (Mrs D Miller) R Fisher 7-10-11 R Hodge (7) 94
27 40F3 GOOD CAUSE 12 (J Nolan) Miss S Wilton 4-10-10 R Beggan 94
29 0000/42- OUTWOOD LASS 357 (B Wells) B Wells 10-10-8 Mr M Derby 87
30 040-040 NEXT DANCE 11 (K Hart) D Moffatt 5-10-8 K Ryan (4) 97
31 2-0P002 WHISTLING EDGE 9 (E Alsopp) J Spearing 5-10-8 A Webb 96

BETTING: 4-1 Bietschhorn Hut, 5-1 Whistling Edge, 6-1 Boutzdaroff, 7-1 Pals Galore, Arabian Blues, 10-1 Singing Hills, 12-1 Jackdaw, 14-1 Next Dance, Good Cause, 16-1 McCallun, 20-1 others.

NICOLENE'S HOPE (10-10) 20l 5th to Johnstons Glory (10-10) at Kempton (2m, £2018, heavy, Jan 22, 20 ran).
BIETSCHHORN HUT (10-3) beat Conmayjo (10-3) 4l at Nottingham (2m, £1198, good to soft, Feb 20, 21 ran) with GARDA'S GOLD (10-2) 1l 3rd, SOLO PLAYER (10-3) tailed off and MANTIQUE (10-7) pulled up.
ARABIAN BLUES (11-0) 15l 2nd to Westway (11-5) at Folkestone (2m 100yd, £850, heavy, Feb 17, 19 ran).
PALS GALORE (11-3) 4l 2nd to Piracy (10-6) at Doncaster (2m 4l, £853, good, Feb 27, 17 ran).
MANTIQUE (11-0) best judged on 13l 3rd to Nap Majestica (11-8) at Sedgefield (2m, £836, good, Sept 22, 15 ran).
GOOD CAUSE (10-12) 3½l 3rd to Kadan (10-12) at Southwell (2m, £1568, good, Feb 26, 15 ran).
WHISTLING EDGE (10-9) head 2nd to Heyfleet (11-10) at Doncaster (2m 150yd, £2556, firm, Feb 29, 17 ran).
Selection: WHISTLING EDGE

Course specialists

TRAINERS	Winners	Runners	Per cent
M Pipe	6	15	40.0
Mrs S Oliver	5	16	31.3
O O'Neill	6	26	23.1
J Edwards	7	33	21.2
D Gandolfo	4	20	20.0
R Fisher	6	33	18.2

JOCKEYS	Winners	Rides	Per cent
Diane Clay	3	15	20.0
A Webb	4	22	18.2
M Williams	5	32	15.6
P Warner	6	40	15.0
K Ryan	3	22	13.6
C Smith	3	23	13.0

CATTERICK BRIDGE

Selections

By Mandarin

2.15 Lotus Island.
2.45 Gold Sceptre.
3.15 The Wilk.
3.45 Mystic Music.
4.15 SALACITY (nap).
4.45 Seatell.
5.15 Nicholcone.

By Michael Seely
2.15 LOTUS ISLAND (nap). 4.45 Catch That.
Brian Beel's selection: 3.45 Mystic Music.

Going: good to firm

2.15 HORNBY NOVICES HURDLE (Div I: £685: 2m) (21 runners)

1 130300 CASUAL PASS 19 (D,S) (D Little) G Richards 5-11-11 P Tuck 94
2 13 REGAL REFORM 40 (CD,S) (R Wheeler) G Moore 5-11-11 M Hammond 86
4 0 ASTURIAS 93 (Mrs A Dawson) J Jefferson 5-11-3 N Doughty —
5 AUCTION FEVER (A Stringer) A Stringer 5-11-3 G Bradley —
8 000 COINCIDENTAL 11 (M Shone) J Edwards 5-11-3 D Tegg (4) 85
9 0-FP0 HAMSTERLEY WALK 14 (J Wright) N Chamberlain 5-11-3 A Merrigan (4) —
14 F0-P0 HELEN BOY 106 (B) (Mrs H Boldry) Ron Thompson 5-11-3 R Balfour —
15 614 LOTUS ISLAND 18 (B,D,S) (Full Circle Thoroughbreds D Plc) N Tinkler 4-11-3 N Tinkler ● 99
16 000 NORTH STAR SAM 14 (Mrs S Ward) Mrs S Ward 7-11-3 G Harker —
18 100 PENSIONER PATCH 26 (D,F) (D Knights) Denys Smith 6-11-3 C Grant —
19 0-0 SPACE CHASER 172 (P Bowlby) P Bowlby 5-11-3 Mr A Bowlby —
21 14-0003 THIRD IN LINE 14 (D,F) (R Haggas) Jimmy Fitzgerald 5-11-3 M Dwyer 94
22 S BELOW STAIRS 14 (J Slatcher) W Haigh 5-10-12 M Pepper —
23 0U-3040 BILLIE ON 40 (M Shirvinton) J Goulding 5-10-12 B Storey 91
24 424-0 LARNEM 74 (R Cartwright) T Fairhurst 5-10-12 C Hawkins 90
25 3- PUNCLE CREAK 547 (Mrs E Dawes) T Kelsey 5-10-12 Susan Kersey (7) 89
26 0 ANOTHER NONSENSE 72 (Hyde Sporting Promotions Ltd) R Whitaker 4-10-9 S Turner (7) —
30 P BEAT STREET 29 (Mrs P Sly) Mrs P Sly 4-10-9 M Bastard —
31 HALLCROSS (E Emmanuel) Miss S Hall 4-10-9 B Walsh (4) —
33 00000 THE BRAZILIAN 12 (A Procs) E Alston 4-10-9 L Wyer —
34 000 WIDOW TRELLERNE 19 (Mrs M Lamb) D Lamb 4-10-4 K Jones —
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BETTING: 5-2 Lotus Island, 3-1 Third In Line, 5-1 Pensioner Patch, 11-2 Regal Reform, 10-1 Casual Pass, 12-1 Puncle Creak, 14-1 Auction Fever, 16-1 others.

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2.45 BUDBY SELLING HURDLE (2-Y-O: £971: 2m) (16 runners)

1 041U0 AUSTHORPE SUNSET 15 (D,G) (W Chapman) D Chapman 11-0 G Lyons (7) 94
2 00P00 BENFIELD MORPETH 40 (B) (Mrs B Hazell) W Storey 11-0 Fiona Storey 82
3 F002 GOLD SCEPTRE 8 (BF) (Full Circle Thoroughbreds D Plc) N Tinkler 11-0 N Tinkler ● 99
4 0000 JEFF HARRIS 54 (B) (Lt Col W Monteith) P Monteith 11-0 D Nolan 95
5 030204 NIGHT VISITOR 8 (V) (W Sellers) J Parkes 11-0 B Walsh (4) 94
7 P ROYAL TREND 71 (R Dods) R Dods 11-0 S Woods (4) —
8 U0PP RUN TO WORK 74 (Mrs E Dawes) T Kersey 11-0 Susan Kersey (7) —
9 2P0P BAILEY'S TOPLINE 55 (A Potts) A Potts 10-9 J McLaughlin 90
10 0 BARGAINETTE 14 (N Chamberlain) N Chamberlain 10-9 T White (7) —
11 4 BENFIELD NEWCASTLE 193 (Mrs J Murrills) J Berry 10-9 N Doughty 87
12 00000 EMERKALA 12 (Miss G Rees) Miss G Rees 10-9 W Worthington 98
13 P00000 GEMMA'S SONG 12 (P Quinn) J Parkes 10-9 S Cunningham (7) —
14 04P00 HATSHEPSUT 8 (B Kilpatrick) A Smith 10-9 C Grant 87
15 00P HONEST 40 (Mrs V Hague) Ron Thompson 10-9 R Balfour 84
18 0000 ROYAL MAGICIAN 12 (B) (Mrs M Charlton) E Alston 10-9 M Alston (7) —
21 P SUNNY GIBRALTAR 14 (J Williamson) Miss S Williamson 10-9 Miss S Williamson —

BETTING: 9-4 Jeff Harris, 5-2 Gold Sceptre, 3-1 Night Visitor, 6-1 Benfield Newcastle, 12-1 Austhorpe Sunset, 14-1 Honest, 16-1 Gemma's Song, 20-1 others.

3.15 PETER VAUX MEMORIAL TROPHY HANDICAP CHASE (£2885: 3m 300yd) (7 runners)

1 004/122- CARPENTER'S WAY 487 (CD,BF,F,G,S) (Carpenters Ltd) Denys Smith 10-11-10 C Grant ● 99
4 103304 THE WILK 14 (CD,F,G) (F Scotto) W A Stephenson 9-11-7 A Merrigan (4) 95
5 482103 LA BOEUF 82 (D,F,S) (Mrs M Lamb) D Lamb 12-10-13 J O'Gorman (7) 95
6 3104-14 CANDY CONE 59 (CD,BF,G) (Mrs R Brewis) R Brewis 8-10-11 G Harker 96
7 3-3F340 BRIG O'BALGOWNIE 14 (CD,S) (I Park) I Park 12-10-10 P Niven 82
8 FP-000P OATLANDS LAD 55 (F,G,S) (R Scott) J Blundell 8-10-7 M Brennan —
9 0PP44P BE FREE 39 (D,F,S) (Mrs G Bartle) Mrs G Bartle 13-10-0 A Orkney —
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BETTING: 15-8 La Boeuf, 7-2 Carpenter's Way, 4-1 Candy Cone, 6-1 The Wilk, 8-1 Brig O'Balgownie, 20-1 Be Free, 33-1 Oatlands Lad.

Course specialists

TRAINERS	Winners	Runners	Per cent
R Brewis	5	12	41.7
M H Easterby	15	50	30.0
N Tinkler	5	18	27.8
B Bousfield	3	11	27.3
Miss S Hall	3	13	23.1
G Moore	10	46	21.7

JOCKEYS	Winners	Rides	Per cent
Mr T Easterby	3	5	60.0
N Tinkler	5	12	41.7
M Hammond	11	40	27.5
M Brennan	8	46	17.4
L Wyer	5	31	16.1
C Grant	16	108	14.8

3.45 RMC GROUP PLC NOVICES HUNTERS CHASE (Amateurs: £1349: 3m 300yd) (11 runners)

2 BARAFALL (J Stephenson) W A Stephenson 8-11-9 A Costello (7) —
4 0-0 ESTABLISHED 12 (C Bell) C H Bell 11-11-9 S Bell (7) —
5 2202/12- GOLDEN HOLLY 483 (F,S) (T Dalgetty) T Dalgetty 10-11-9 M Dun (7) —
6 PUPPP/4 KERAGE 15 (J Swiers) J Swiers 10-11-9 P Addie (7) 75
7 04403-3 LIKELY TALE 15 (G) (D Smith) D Smith 10-11-9 N Smith (7) 79
8 300/1-4 MIRAQUEST 12 (D,S) (P King) P King 12-11-9 S Andrews (4) 74
10 SUN 'N' RAYNE (Mrs P Russell) Mrs P Russell 7-11-9 D Kinsella (7) —
11 UP6/P0-F SWEET FRANK 19 (Mrs P Cookson) Mrs P Cookson 13-11-9 A Robson (7) —
14 P/04P-PP CRESTA CROSSETT 7 (E Caine) E Caine 10-11-4 Capt J Beardsall (7) —
15 4- MESCALIN 292 (W Brown) W Brown 10-11-4 N Brown (7) —
16 F/22-2 MYSTIC MUSIC 19 (Miss H Wilson) Miss H Wilson 9-11-4 K Anderson (7) ● 99

BETTING: 6-4 Mystic Music, 4-1 Miraquest, 9-2 Golden Holly, 5-1 Likely Tale, 10-1 Kerage, Mescalin, 14-1 others.

4.15 HORNBY NOVICES HURDLE (Div II: £685: 2m) (21 runners)

1 0PP0 ASSEMBLY 12 (W McKinley) P Monteith 5-11-3 D Nolan —
2 F0 BAY BAZAAR 74 (D Kerr) C J Bell 6-11-3 — —
3 BEL ARCTIC (V) (Mrs D Broadbent) J Parkes 5-11-3 D Wilkinson —
4 3-3 DENALTO 14 (J Bianchi) Denys Smith 5-11-3 G Bradley 91
6 34P200 HI WALLIE 12 (D,S) (Mrs V Scott Watson) Miss M Bell 6-11-3 B Storey 98
7 0P30 INTO THE GLEN 9 (P Piller) W A Stephenson 5-11-3 C Grant 84
8 021 SALACITY 14 (CD,S) (C Anderson) G Moore 4-11-3 M Hammond 97
10 FP- SPACE TROOPER 467 (BF) (J Turney) T Fairhurst 5-11-3 N Doughty 89
11 10P STUMBLE 4 (D,G) (J Cowan) D Yeoman 4-11-3 C Hawkins 86
12 THE CANNY MAN (D Knights) Denys Smith 5-11-3 M Dwyer —
13 00- WALTER THE GREAT 464 (Mrs B Broad) Mrs B Broad 6-11-3 P Niven —
15 00-00 WELL RIGGED 18 (J Bennett) M Avison 7-11-3 L Wyer 78
18 P00P JENIFER BROWNING 4 (S Swiers) J Swiers 5-10-12 Mr S Swiers (7) —
19 0 KEY ROYAL 18 (Miss E Curtis) J Redfern 7-10-12 S Keightley —
20 000P SHAWS RUN 7 (B) (R Watts) Roy Robinson 5-10-12 T White (7) —
22 30- TOP FEATHER 317 (T Green) Mrs P Sly 5-10-12 M Bastard 78
25 20 BATTLE STING 14 (Mrs S Ward) Mrs S Ward 4-10-9 G Harker 72
26 P00 EMPEROR HOTFOOT 12 (J Wall) C Sparrs 4-10-9 J McLaughlin 79
27 032 SKY CAT 25 (BF) (Gymcrak Thoroughbreds Racing Plc) M H Easterby 4-10-9 R Marley (4) ● 99
28 200 SONG N'JEST 7 (R Mason) M W Easterby 4-10-9 P Tuck 87
29 PP SPERANSKY 72 (C St George) M W Easterby 4-10-9 — —

BETTING: 5-2 Salacity, 7-2 Sky Cat, 4-1 Denalto, 6-1 Stumble, 8-1 Hi Wallie, 10-1 Into The Glen, 12-1 others.

4.45 NEWBY NOVICES CHASE (£1,529: 2m) (14 runners)

1 413312 CATCH THAT 192 (D,F,S) (M Smith) M Smith 9-11-11 G Harker 85
3 291-032 FERVENT HOPE 14 (D,S) (D Lunt) D McCain 6-11-2 N Doughty ● 99
4 22PU23 IRISH GUEST 44 (Mrs I Liquorish) P Montieth 7-11-2 D Nolan 71
5 3/0000-0 JESTO 14 (D,G) (R Mason) M W Easterby 7-11-2 P Tuck —
6 02400-P JODY'S BOY 14 (CD,F) (R Swiers) R Swiers 7-11-2 Mr S Swiers (7) —
7 0/4-0P32 SEATELL 7 (A Wilkinson) Denys Smith 8-11-2 C Grant 92
8 044200 SPECIAL SETTLEMENT 19 (D,S) (T Beaty) R Allan 7-11-2 B Storey —
10 000004 TACTICO 19 (I Dalgleish) W Fairgrieve 6-11-2 C Hawkins 89
11 0/00-000 TERIE TOMO 44 (S Taberner) P Blockley 6-11-2 W Smith (7) —
12 0000-0 TORRINGTON WARRIOR 14 (D Todd) D Todd 8-11-2 A J Quinn (7) —
13 00F00P WAYSIDE 25 (J Charlton) J Charlton 6-11-2 C Dennis (7) 74
14 000-00 GREEN APPLE 7 (J Mernagh) Mrs G Reveley 7-10-11 P Niven —
15 0-PP0 VITI SONG 69 (J Latham) T Fairhurst 6-10-11 B Walsh (4) —
17 1D2000 MADISON GIRL 109 (D,F) (A Zivanaris) M W Easterby 5-10-3 L Wyer —

BETTING: 11-4 Fervent Hope, 100-30 Seatell, 9-2 Jesto, 6-1 Catch That, 8-1 Tactico, 10-1 Madison Girl, 12-1 Special Settlement, 14-1 others.

5.15 GRUNWICK NATIONAL HUNT FLAT RACE (£1,047: 2m) (22 runners)

1 10 ALLERLAD 12 (D,S) (D MacDonald) D MacDonald 5-12-3 Mr R Ford (7) —
3 0 FISHERS ISLAND 19 (N Bannister) N Crump 5-11-10 P Harte (7) —
4 GOLDEN BOREEN (G Bartholomew) G Richards 5-11-10 L O'Hara (7) —
5 0 HAVERTHWAITE 14 (T Easterby) M H Easterby 6-11-10 Mr T Easterby —
6 INTERLOK DIVIDER (J McLaren) J S Wilson 5-11-10 Mr J McLaren —
7 4 MOSHUGANAGH 19 (R Morrow) R Fisher 8-11-10 Mr G Morrow (7) —
8 0- POMPEY THE GREAT 488 (J Carden) J Carden 6-11-10 Miss C Carden (7) —
10 0 CARRYCOTT 19 (R Norton) B Morgan 8-11-5 C Prince (7) —
11 P JUST FOR JOHN 56 (Mrs J Brown) J Charlton 5-11-5 C Dennis (7) —
12 0 MRS MUDDLE 14 (K Toland) R Barr 5-11-5 — —
13 2 NICHOLCONE 19 (Mrs P Nicholson) Jimmy Fitzgerald 5-11-5 J Hayes (7) —
14 0 ROCHES ROOST 182 (J Roche) T Casey 5-11-5 Mr N Roche (7) —
15 SUVAMARVAL (Mrs B Blundell) J Blundell 5-11-5 A Lasse (7) —
16 0 ABACOMETTI 39 (J Adams) D Yeoman 4-11-2 G Lyons (7) —
18 0 BUTTONWOOD SOUND 12 (Mrs M Christian) M W Easterby 4-11-2 R Garrity (7) —
19 2 CARLYS PET 38 (J Jefferson) J Jefferson 4-11-2 R Marley (4) —
20 0 CHINA CLIPPER 12 (Miss A Combe) P Montieth 4-11-2 B McGill (7) —
21 0 INDEMNITY 14 (A Shelton) J Berry 4-11-2 Mr N Kelleher (7) —
22 0 LOCKINGE 19 (P Muldoon) S Muldoon 4-11-2 — —
23 MIRANOBINA (M Jones) D Eddy 4-11-2 S Turner (7) —
28 0 JUST ANOTHER SIP 14 (J Slade) Jimmy Fitzgerald 4-10-11 S Murphy (7) —
29 MOVE AHEAD (Mrs D Bousfield) B Bousfield 4-10-11 D Slack (7) —

BETTING: Evens Nicholcone, 7-2 Moshuganagh, 5-1 Carlys Pet, 8-1 Allerlad, 10-1 Golden Boreen, 12-1 Buttonwood Sound, 14-1 others.

The Peter Easterby-trained Nos Na Gaiothe, seen winning at Nottingham last month, is a leading contender for the £25,000 William Hill Imperial Cup at Sandown on Saturday

Bradley receives £600 fine after day of disaster

Controversial jockey Graham Bradley had a day of complete disaster at Sedgefield yesterday.

First, By The Way, his mount in the McEwans Best Scotch Durham National, broke his off foreleg in the closing stages and had to be destroyed.

Then he was fined £600 by the stewards along with fellow jockey Geoff Harker when they both missed out a fence and tried to ride a finish on their mounts, Bobby Burns and Running Shot, with a circuit still to go in the Reg Boyle Novices' Chase.

By The Way was one of the top staying chasers in training, and third favourite for the Seagram Grand National on April 9.

He was bought out of Jeremy Maxwell's stable in Northern Ireland four years ago, and won the 1985 Whitbread Gold Cup at Sandown.

In the 1986-87 season, he won all his four races, and was one of the favourite's for last year's National but broke down on trainer Monica Dickinson's gallops just 11 days before the race.

By The Way won a total of 11 races in Ireland and England and earned over £59,000 in prize money.

Bradley, clearly shaken by By The Way's misfortune, said: "By the Way was a super horse – it is a real tragedy. He was running on really well – it was just one of those things."

The race was won by Sir Jest, whose trainer, Arthur Stephenson, enthused: "Now all being well he goes for the National. I was very pleased with him today."

Bradley said of the fiasco in the novices' chase: "It was just a genuine mistake. As I jumped the ditch and raced for the better ground on the stands side my way was barred by dolls and I just had to run out and pull my mount up."

Harker commented: "It was my own fault. When I saw Bradley I followed him, although I felt certain I still had a circuit to race." Ironically, Bradley's mount Bobby Burns, the 5-4 favourite, was the best backed horse of the day.

Bradley was £500 for easing Trout Angler in the closing stages at Ludlow on January 20.

Michael Hammond, who landed a short-priced 7-1 double with Donnas Darling and Chipchase, picked up a £500 fine from the stewards when he weighed in wearing boots different from those he had weighed out in.

Fine comeback by Sacred Path

Mick's Star, the first to be installed favourite when the weights came out for this year's Seagram Grand National, is now out to 25-1 with Corals for the Aintree race after finishing a dismal sixth in the Crudwell Cup at Warwick yesterday.

In contrast, Sacred Path, running for the first time in 14 months, covered himself in glory with a convincing three lengths victory at 16-1.

Lord Wyatt plea for Tote to be privatized

Lord Wyatt, chairman of the Horserace Totalisator Board, yesterday made an plea to the Government to set his organisation free and allow it to be privatized.

Speaking at the annual Tote Lunch in London, Lord Wyatt said that the Tote ought to be allowed to compete with the big four bookmakers, whose owners were able to issue new shares whenever they wanted.

But he warned: "Any release from the shackles imposed on us by the Government would have to provide that no one owning betting offices, directly or indirectly, could hold more than say 10 per cent of the shares - either individually or in aggregate with others in the same category."

Lord Wyatt claimed that although the Home Office never interfered directly with the Tote's affairs, the Government, under bookmakers' influence, had always shackled them.

"The Tote, for example, was not allowed to have offices in high streets offering starting price bets when the bookmakers were allowed to in 1961. Eleven years later, the Tote was at last allowed to have such betting offices."

By that time, however, local magistrates had already licensed the 15,000 best sites in the country to bookmakers, he reported.

Despite its late start, the Tote had still managed to build up the biggest betting shop chain after the Big Four.

"But at 122 offices it is still minute. If we could float ourselves on the Stock Exchange, we could issue shares when we bought existing betting offices," the chairman said.

Today, when competing with one of the Big Four in buying betting offices, the Tote was at an unfair disadvantage, having to pay high interest rates to borrow money.

Lord Wyatt said: "We haven't a hope. The Government has compelled our capital structure to remain the same as in 1928. We badly need it modernised. We are a commercial organisation.

Going to the Stock Exchange would give the Tote an immediate cash injection of 'quite a few million.'

"That would be a first step in substantial expansion. Through it we would be able to put much more money back into racing than now. There is no case other than sadism for the Government not setting us free."

Lord Wyatt, recently appointed for another three-year term as chairman, also pleaded with the House of Commons leader, John Wakeham, a guest yesterday, to help Sunday racing become a reality.

Beggan reunited with Jimbalou for Imperial

By George Rae

Jimbalou is 5-1 favourite with the sponsors for the £25,000-added William Hill Imperial Cup at Sandown on Saturday. There are 18 four-day declarations, headed by Jimmy Lorenzo.

The Bob Brazington-trained five-year-old, who is on a treble following wins at Doncaster and Kempton, will be ridden by regular partner, Ronnie Beggan. The jockey missed the two previous wins, firstly because of commitments elsewhere and then through injury.

Protection, who showed signs of a return to his best form in the Tote Gold Trophy at Newbury last month, is second favourite on 11-2, with Nos Na Gaoithe, winner of the City Trial Hurdle at Nottingham, on 7-1.

Interestingly, last year's winner, Inlander, was recently voted the leading steeplechaser in the United States following his win in the Colonial Cup at Camden and second to Gacko in the Breeders' Cup Chase.

Peter Scudamore returns from a 21-day suspension on Saturday but is still undecided at which meeting he will resume. "It is a choice between Chepstow and Sandown," Charlie Brooks, Fred Winter's assistant, said yesterday.

A spokesman for Middleham trainer George Moore confirmed Aston Express, the winner of all his five races and already a live hope for next year's Champion Hurdle, a certain starter for the £15,000-added Crown Paints Hurdle at Chepstow.

Nicky Henderson's Rymster, impressive on his hurdling debut at Kempton last month, is a likely opponent, and there is a potential Irish challenger in Donald Swan's Rock Scorpion, who landed a healthy gamble at Leopardstown last December.

Warwick results

Going: good to soft

2.0 (2m 5f hdle) 1, DEADLINE (M Bowlby, 9-4; Mandarin's nap); 2, Yiragan (P Nicholls, 16-1); 3, Tis Frank Again (P Croucher, 11-8 fav). ALSO: 8 Amber Blossom (6th), 20 Goldfinger (f), Jay-Dee-Jay, 25 Copper Fastener, 33 Leave It Out, Watersmeet Down, 50 Caedmon, Capell Cone (4th), Clyffe Haze (pu), Fizz (pu), Gadbrook (pu), Oleandrin, Quarry Merchant, Royalty Bay, Sammy Drake, Smack, Astrapan, Bramford Way (5th), Keep On Dancing (f), Le Nid, Miss Northwick, Rim Of Pearl. 25 ran. ½l, nk, 7l, ½l, 5l. N Henderson at Lambourn. Tote: £3.30; £1.50, £4.40, £1.20. DF: £16.40. CSF: £34.74.

2.30 (2m 4f ch) 1, LE BAMBINO (Miss J Barrow, 7-1); 2, Gawle Approach (Mr A Hill, 4-11 fav); 3, Galileo (Mrs L Taylor, 25-1). ALSO RAN: 13-2 Stand Back (4th), 20 Super Solo (pu), 33 Swinging Moon, 66 Generous Bid (6th), Hals Lass (5th), 100 Hall Henry (pu). 9 ran. NR: Hard Toffee. 8l, 10l, 5l, ¾l, dist. Miss J Barrow at Bridgwater. Tote: £9.50; £1.60, £1.20, £1.70. DF: £3.90. CSF: £9.42.

3.0 (3m 4f 180yd ch) 1, SACRED PATH (C Cox, 16-1); 2, Queensway Boy (A Webb, 11-2); 3, Memberson (R Dunwoody, 7-1). ALSO RAN: 5-4 fav Mick's Star (6th), 9-2 Midnight Madness (5th), 12 Blue Dart (4th), 33 Meister (pu). 7 ran. 3l, 20l, 1½l, 4l, ¾l. O Sherwood at Upper Lambourn. Tote: £11.40; £3.10, £2.10. DF: £25.30. CSF: £84.39.

3.30 (2m 5f hdle) 1, OUT THE GAP (J White, 9-1); 2, More Fool You (S Earle, 9-1); 3, Parlezvousfrancais (J Lower, 4-1). ALSO RAN: 7-2 fav Even Smarter, 8 Konrad Wolf (4th), Priors Coppice (5th), 12 Rymer's Pearl, 16 Banbridge, Hollist (f), 20 Earl Marshall (5th), Luceva, Vi's Delight, 25 Toscana (pu), 33 Tower Bay, 50 Chais Du Fondateur, Eagle Tavern, Holbrooke Tower (pu), Late Trooper (pu), Meddy (pu), Salichco, Scottish Warrior (pu), French Path (pu), Impy Way, Morning Run (pu). 24 ran. NR: Evenos. 2l, 25l, 2l, 2l, 6l. M Robinson at Wantage. Tote: £20.40; £5.20, £3.10, £2.00. DF: £75.70. CSF: £87.04.

4.0 (2m ch) 1, BEE GARDEN (B Powell, 7-2 fav); 2, Only Trouble (Peter Hobbs, 4-1); 3, Problem Child (Dale McKeown, 10-1). ALSO RAN: 4 Top Gold (4th), Scale The Heights (6th), 12 Prudent Match, 20 George Morgan, Topsy Bee (5th), 50 Pirates Punch, Shipmate, Boreen Geal (pu), Face The Climate (pu), Media Leader. 13 ran. Nk, 2½l, 8l, 20l, 1l. P Bailey at Salisbury. Tote: £4.70; £1.90, £1.90, £1.90. DF: £6.90. CSF: £16.38.

4.30 (2m hdle) 1, PEARL RUN (M Price, 11-4 fav); 2, Deadly Going (A Webb, 33-1); 3, Ruststone (J Brown, 12-1); 4, Windbound Lass (N Coleman, 4-1). ALSO RAN: 15-2 Bel Course, 8 Arbitrage (5th), 9 Santopadre, 20 Kyoto, 25 Nippy Chippy, Dick's Folly, 33 Moon Jester, Pala Chief, 50 Dundalk Bells, Black River (6th), Swift Warrior, Time-Bee, Iowa, White Spring, Mountain Mear, Qualitair King, Pay Dirt. 21 ran. NR: Creeager, Court Rapier. 3l, 4l, hd, 8l, ¾l. G Price at Leominster. Tote: £3.00; £1.10, £12.40, £3.00, £1.40. DF: £179.10. CSF: £74.42. Tricast: £833.22.

Placepot: £83.50

3.15 (3m 4f ch) 1, SIR JEST (C Grant, 2-1 fav); 2, Duncombe Prince (N Doughty, 6-1); 3, Oakren (M Dwyer, 9-2). ALSO RAN: 100-30 By The Way (pu), 6 Sam Wrekin (5th), 20 Solares (6th), 25 Polly's Pal (4th), 33 Succeeded (pu). 8 ran. 8l, 3l, 1½l, nk, 12l. W A Stephenson at Bishop Auckland. Tote: £2.80; £1.20, £1.80, £1.70. DF: £7.40. CSF: £13.48. Tricast: £43.13.

3.45 (2m 4f ch) 1, CHIPCHASE (M Hammond, 3-1); 2, Gowan House (C Grant, 5-2 fav); 3, Tieranee (B Storey, 33-1). ALSO RAN: 13-2 Kersil (4th), 10 Another Flame, 11 Welsh Spirit, 11 Tocodesu (f), 12 Rivers Edge, 16 Master Player, 20 Shooter Prince, 33 Adare, Corker (5th), Border Knight (pu), Sidvic (6th). 14 ran. 2l, 10l, 1l, 5l, nk. S Wilkinson at Middleham. Tote: £3.30; £1.30, £1.40, £11.80. DF: £3.90. CSF: £10.48. Tricast: £177.08.

4.15 (3m 600yd ch) 1, GOODFELLOW'S FOLLY (B Storey, 9-2); 2, Kenacross (J D Davies, 50-1); 3, Paddy Hayton (J Hansen, 12-1). ALSO RAN: 5-4 fav Bobby Burns (pu), 9-4 Inkpen (5th), 20 Aviation Support (6th), 25 Night Magic, 50 Bow Handy Man (f), Oakgrove (4th), Running Shot (pu), Sir Ben (ur), Moonlighting (pu), Bantel Banzai. 13 ran. 2l, 4l, 1l, 20l, 10l. I Jordan at Westerhope. Tote: £6.60; £1.90, £5.90, £1.60. DF (first or second with any other horse): £1.60. CSF: £172.15.

4.45 (2m 4f hdle) 1, LEAMLARA LAD (M Bastard, 7-2); 2, Tewit Castle (MR H Brown, 7-1); 3, Wigtown Bay (S J O'Neill, 33-1). ALSO RAN: 5-4 fav Direct Interest (4th), 13-2 Billy Tobin (pu), Verona Chief (pu), 16 Sword Beach (5th), Bay Minstrel, 33 Change The Name (6th), Northern Walk, Sheshoons Last, Red Gala (pu). 14 ran. NR: Emmedill. 3l, 7l, 1½l, 1½l, 8l. Mrs P Sly at Peterborough. Tote: £4.90; £1.70, £1.40, £21.20. DF: £9.50. CSF: £28.60.

Placepot: £160.70

Mariner, Mitilini (6th), 50 Conor's Rock, 66 Gindengo, Syrinx. 13 ran. 5l, 5l, 2l, 4l, 2l. G Moore at Middleham. Tote: £2.20; £1.10, £3.70, £1.40. DF: £11.60. CSF: £17.73. Tricast: £37.51.

Sedgefield

Going: good

2.15 (2m hdle) 1, SEEYOUAROUND (A J Quinn, 7-2 fav); 2, Martinelli (R Garrity, 16-1); 3, Olletsoc (A Merrigan, 10-1); 4, Philly Athletic (R Wilson, 14-1). ALSO RAN: 5 Azusa, 7 Castleshepard Lad, 10 Nipper Smith, 12 Flaming Pearl (6th), 16 Icen, Pitsbalio, Topori, 20 Betty's Girl, Shuttlecock Star, 25 Solfario, Brundean Breeze (5th), Do Or Die, Dark Cygnet, Rapidan. 18 ran. 2, 1½l, sh hd, 2l, 1½l. O Brennan at Newark. Tote: £6.20; £1.80, £3.00, £2.00, £1.30. DF: £30.40. CSF: £56.28. Tricast: £473.26. No bid.

2.45 (2m 4f hdle) 1, DONNAS DARLING (M Hammond, Evens fav); 2, Nino Volador (S J O'Neill, 14-1); 2, Burn Walk (B Storey, 3-1). ALSO RAN: 8 August (4th), 12 Crack-A-Jim, 14 Champagne Charlie, 20 Major Rouge, 25 Duke Of Dolls (5th), Maid

RUGBY UNION: IRELAND MAKE THREE CHANGES TO TEAM THAT LOST TO WALES

Moylett at last gets his first cap against England

By George Ace

Mick Moylett, the Shannon and Ireland B international lock forward, wins his first cap against England at Twickenham, Saturday week.

Moylett is one of three changes — one positional — in the team that lost to Wales in Dublin last weekend. Hugo MacNeill is recalled at full back for Danaher, who played in the first three games this season and Anderson switches from lock to No. 8 for Michael Gibson, leaving Moylett to partner Lenihan in the second row.

Moylett has all the physical attributes necessary for a lock *forward but it is only since* linking up with Shannon that *he has begun to exploit his* steely resolve. The selection enables Anderson to revert to his favourite position in the middle of the back row.

That MacNeill would be recalled was always on the cards. Danaher is a player with much potential but MacNeill's removal from the international scene at the start of the season after 34 caps always appeared somewhat premature.

There remains, however, a question mark over the fitness of Des Fitzgerald, the tight-head prop. He has been troubled for some weeks with a back injury sustained during a weight-training session.

The injury was serious enough to cause Fitzgerald to *pull out of the Lansdowne* team last Saturday week when *they were involved in a play*-off with St Mary's College for *the Leinster senior league title*. And with Clancy taking the customary Saturday off before making his international debut as loose head against Wales and the hooker, Burns, injured, it meant Lansdowne fielding a revamped front row. It was a decision Fitzgerald would not have taken lightly *considering the difficulties* Lansdowne faced.

He attended the Irish squad training session on the Sunday and after a tentative start packing down at wing forward moved to his familiar position in the front row. He indicated at the end of the day all was well. But last Saturday proved all was not well and he was struggling from early on against Buchanan.

In the circumstances one would assume that Fitzgerald *must play this weekend; if he* does not, McCoy could be drafted into the team.

TEAM: H P MacNeill (London Irish); T M Ringland (Ballymena), B J Mullin (Blackrock), M J Kiernan (Dolphin), K D Crossan (Instonians); P M Dean (St Marys), M T Bradley (Constitution); T P J Clancy (Lansdowne), T J Kingston (Dolphin), D C Fitzgerald (Lansdowne), P M Matthews (Wanderers), D G Lenihan (Constitution, captain), M M F Moylett (Shannon), W D McBride (Malone), W A Anderson (Dungannon). Replacements: J J McCoy (Bangor), J P McDonald (Malone), D Whittle (Bangor), F P Aherne (Dolphin), P Kayes (Consitiion), P P Danaher (Lansdowne).

May's feat may stir Swansea for final

By David Hands
Rugby Correspondent

The last time the University College of Swansea reached the final of the Universities Athletic Union competition was 1976, *when Phil May* was a student. This having been, in view of his selection at lock by Wales, a significant season for May, maybe it is time his former college distinguished itself again by beating Loughborough University in today's final at Twickenham.

Swansea, indeed, hold the UAU record for consecutive wins — five between 1933-37 — but it is Loughborough who have made remarkable inroads into the tournament since the war. They have won the title 20 times, including three between 1984-86, and two of their 1986 side appear again today, Rowe in the centre and Wilby in the back row.

It would have been three but for the dismissal of Macdonald, their lock, in the semi-final *against Bristol. That game, won* only 8-6, was possibly the shock *to the system that Lough*borough required, since in their *five other games they had run* up 223 points while conceding only 16. Their second row has changed since then, Ellis and Andrew being paired together, while Swain has returned to the back row and Walters moves into the centre from wing.

Julian Swain follows his brother, Austin, into the side, the latter having played in the *1986* back row. Part of his function will be to keep an eye on the Swansea *half* backs, Booth and David Evans, who have had *a major influence* on the side's progress this term. Both play senior-club rugby, for Neath and Cardiff respectively, and will look to Langley to provide good lineout ball.

After emerging from their group matches, Swansea have beaten Newcastle (10-9), Exeter (23-13) and Durham, the holders (22-10) in reaching Twickenham. Loughborough, who endured a rigorous forward battle when losing 18-6 to Broughton Park last weekend, beat Essex (54-3), Sheffield (52-0) and Bristol, last year's runners-up, *in the knockout stages*.

Two other student finals also take place today: at Saracens the Polytechnic of Wales play Sheffield for the British Polytechnics Cup, sponsored by *Rugby World and Post*, while at Orrell, West London Institute play Jordan*hill for the British Colleges Cup*.

Like Loughborough the Polytechnic of Wales have scored freely on the way to the final, *helped by considerable club* experience among their players. *That includes* Aled Williams, the Bridgend stand-off half who played in last season's Welsh trial and who scored two magnificent tries in the 37-3 semi-final win over Newcastle. His partner, Moon, brother of Richard, the Harlequins scrum half, is a replacement for the Combined England Students against France next week.

Law, the Penarth lock, is also developing into a fine player who may, conceivably, interest the Scottish student selectors for the first World Student Cup in France this August. Sheffield's strength is said to lie up front; they have beaten some highly-ranked sides on their way to the final, including Leeds, last year's runners-up, in the group matches.

At Twickenham

LOUGHBOROUGH UNIVERSITY: A Buzza (Redruth CS); S Hackney (Ian Ramsey C of E), J Rowe (Morriston), S Walters (Chalney), C Nicholls (Bradford GS); S Vaudin (Bishop Gore), M Newall (St Brendan's); J Tarrant (Bloxham), J Hudson (Morriston), R Wareham (Sibcoates), A Buchanan-Smith (Fettes College, captain), J Ellis (Cyfarthfa), R Andrew (Exeter), J Swain (King Edward VI, Five Ways), J Wilby (Queen Elizabeth GS, Wakefield).

UNIVERSITY COLLEGE OF SWANSEA: S James (Monmouth); A Moore (Llanishen HS), G Thomas (Cynffig), L Evans (Cwmtawe, captain), A Holder (Trinity, John Whitgift); D Evans (Aberdare), A Booth (Bishop Gore); D Francis (Bryntag), H Williams (Sir John Deane's College, Northwich), K Miller (Campion), P Enoch (Aberdare), M Langley (St Cyre's), J Lewis (Filton HS), M Bennett (Llangatwg), S Bryant (Sherborne).

Referee: R Quittenton (London).

At Saracens

POLYTECHNIC OF WALES: A Gregory; S Hodges, G Collins, G Abraham, S Davies; A Williams, R Moon; T Hill, P Morgan, C Connolly, J Pearn, D Law, E Williams, C Davies (capt), S Bewick.

SHEFFIELD POLYTECHNIC: M Jones; A Sandland, S Cooper (capt), P Holdstock, D Owen; K Morley, A Nuttall; A Hayes, A Dunn, A Day, G Humphries, J Middleton, G Robbins, J Challis, S Hodges.

Referee: K Griffiths (London).

Barbarians hit by injuries

By David Hands

The casualty list inflicted by the internationals last weekend has taken its toll of the Barbarians who play the annual Mobbs memorial match against East Midlands at Northampton today. Neither of the Hastings brothers is able to appear, nor are the Wales locks, Norster and May.

Nevertheless, nine *internationals are scheduled to take* the field for the 61st match in *the series. Thorburn*, whose penalty won Wales the triple crown at Lansdowne Road last Saturday, comes in at full back, and Hall, the Cambridge University centre, replaces the younger Hastings, Scott.

In the pack the new second row is Ackford and Cronin, while Buchanan, the Welsh prop, will replace Sole in the front row and Spring, capped seven times by Ireland between 178-81, plays instead of Jeffrey *in the back row*. Seven players will be making their first appear*ance in Barbarians colours*: Buckton, Hall, Oti, Kenney, *Cronin*, Hodgson and Spring.

In several instances it is the uncapped players who provide the interest: Hall and Buckton in the centre should test the East Midlands defence, the strong-running Hall having been a Welsh replacement this season. Kenney, the Leicester scrum half who played his first senior rugby in 1975, has earned his reward for long service, as has Hodgson, the Vale of Lune flanker who appeared for the North against New Zealand in *1983*.

Ackford, part of the *Harlequins* pack which has been *playing so well of late*, is due for a busy week. He plays at Franklin's *Gardens* today and turns out for Surrey in the Toshiba county championship semi-final against Warwickshire at Coundon Road, Coventry, on Sunday.

That game has been set back 24 hours from the original date so that Rosslyn Park's players *can do justice to both club and* county. The Park will ensure *promotion to the first division if* they win their final league game against Northampton on Saturday and eight of their players have been named by Surrey the following day.

Warwickshire selected their side late last night; Lancashire, who play Gloucestershire *in the* other semi-final at Vale of Lune on *Saturday*, have brought in Aitchison (Waterloo) at stand-off half because Wellens (Liverpool-St Helens) is injured.

BARBARIANS (v East Midlands, today): P Thorburn (Neath and Wales); M Duncan (West of Scotland and Scotland), M Hall (Bridgend), J Buckton (Saracens), C Oti (Nottingham and England); L Cusworth (Leicester and England), S Kenney (Leicester); A Buchanan (Llanelli and Wales), A Simmons (Wasps), D Young (Swansea and Wales), S Hodgson (Vale of Lune), P Ackford (Harlequins), D Cronin (Bath and Scotland), G Rees (Nottingham and England), D Spring (Lansdowne and Ireland).

SURREY (v Warwickshire, Sunday): J Graves (Rosslyn Park); S Hunter (Harlequins), J Ager (Rosslyn Park), S Cook (Harlequins), E Davies (Harlequins); M Jermyn (Rosslyn Park), A Woodhouse (Harlequins, capt); J Reid (Rosslyn Park), D Barnett (Rosslyn Park), D Butcher (Harlequins), R Montgomery (Rosslyn Park), N Edwards (Harlequins), P Ackford (Harlequins), T Hyde (Rosslyn Park), A Brooks (Rosslyn Park).

Hodgson's journey from Vale to heights

By Michael Stevenson

The high point of Sam Hodgson's rugby career may be the moment at Northampton today when he becomes the Vale of Lune's first Barbarian. Others might regard it as his appearance for the North against the *All Blacks* four years ago.

His own opinion is different: "A year or two ago *I played* for Cumbria against Cheshire at *New Brighton* and woke up in hospital with my neck immobilized. *I don't think I've ever* been so relieved in my life, as when I found it was only concussion."

***A fell sheep farmer with* his father and three brothers in the hamlet of Rydal near Ambleside, Sam Hodgson has legendary stamina and fitness. His perpetual motion as a flanker can be largely attributed to his job. "We farm as high as 3,000 feet, partly on the slopes of Helvellyn and, when we're gathering sheep, we do between 15 and 20 miles a day over rough country on foot. You couldn't get *a tractor round those parts*."**

The Hodgsons farm about 4,000 *ewes on* 5,000 acres and for much of the winter, feed is *dropped* by helicopter *and then* distributed by hand in the rugged and inhospitable terrain selected by Richard Adams as the setting for his "Plague Dogs".

Sam attended the Lakes School in Ambleside and came home one day to tell his mother: "I really like rugby, Mum, but I'm too small!" He was a *delicate, if not sickly, child and* it was only when he went to Cirencester Agricultural College that he really found himself as a player.

In 1979 he left Ambleside RFC and joined Vale of Lune rather than tracking across the Pennines to Gosforth in search of first-class rugby, like so many Cumbrians. He was chosen for *Cumbria the following year* and has since helped in the spectacular *improvement of the Vale* in status and performance. In the

Reflections on a golden pasture: Hodgson surveys his scene

process his own inimitable style began to be recognized.

"My style is my own. Tackling comes naturally. Sometimes I get hurt but I don't let on. I suppose I'm just a bit of an old workhorse really!" Tactically, the influence of the former Oxford fly half, Trevor Glover, was significant in his development. That prince of All Black forwards, Jock Hobbs also helped Hodgson's game mature.

It is not surprising, if one recalls his commitments on the farm, the rugby field and in varied social activities, that Sam Hodgson has not yet got round to marriage. He is a keen local cricketer with Ambleside, predictably a hitter and quick bowler.

If he had made the England side, he would not have let them down. "I used to watch Tony Neary play and say to myself: 'Gosh! I wish I could play like him', but I honestly think I'm a better player now at 30 than I ever was before."

Today his back-row colleagues in the Mobbs Memorial match will be Gary Rees and John Jeffrey. Sam Hodgson, a man who knows how to enjoy himself on and off the field, will not be overawed.

Holders have the look of winners again

By Gordon Allan

St Mary's, the holders, are the favourites to beat Royal Free in the Hospitals Cup final at Honor Oak Park today. Both teams are unchanged from the semi-finals, which means that Simms, the England player, is in the centre for St Mary's, who *also have O'Leary, the Wasps* lock, to give them a towering presence at the lineouts.

St Mary's are probably stronger now than in 1984 when they beat Royal Free 22-3 in a replayed final after a 9-9 draw. Robinson and Booth (St Mary's) and McGann, MacDonald and Manktelow (Royal Free) are the only survivors from that year, *plus, as it happens, the referee*, George Crawford.

This is St Mary's twelfth consecutive final. The record is held by Guys who appeared in 13 in succession just before the First World War.

ST MARY'S: J Booth; R Robinson, K Simms, R Wintle, R Williams; D McLaren, C Whitworth; A Budgen, L O'Hara, A Ellery, A Taylor, P Tooz-Hobson, S O'Leary, M Tappin, P Mitchell.

ROYAL FREE: V Masani; N Rossiter, S Heath, J McGann, J Brazier; B Powell, M Hurst; A Taylor, J Millo, A MacDonald, A Manktelow, S Short, J Tuckley, T Nokes, D Stock.

Referee: G Crawford (London).

Longer loan

Paul Wilson, aged 19, the Norwich City full back, is to stay with Northampton Town, of the third division, for a second month on loan.

England decide to take the day off

England will not stage their usual Sunday training this weekend in preparation for the final five nations' championship match against Ireland on March 19 *(David Hands writes)*.

"Although we still have a lot *of work to do and plenty of areas* to improve upon, the selectors felt that the team would benefit from having a Sunday rest," Geoff Cooke, the team manager, said yesterday.

The team will gather, as usual, to train two days before the game at Twickenham. However the B XV, which plays Spain on March 18 at Imber Court, will train this weekend with the addition of Peter Cook (Nottingham). He will replace Mark Rose, the Wasps' flanker, who has business commitments which prevent him being a replacement against Spain.

The Spanish will play an additional match on March 20, against Surrey at the Sutton and Epsom club. Surrey will hope, by then, to have made sure of a place *in this season's county* final.

● BBC television is to provide supporters with an unprece*dented three-hour feast of inter*national action on the final day of the five nations' championship on March 19.

Grandstand on BBC1 will feature live coverage of the *match in Cardiff that will decide* the championship with Wales *going for their first grand slam* since 1978 against the season's *other most successful side*, France.

Rugby supporters can then switch to BBC2 at 4.10 p.m. for a complete recording of the England-Ireland clash at Twickenham.

● SYDNEY: The former Fijian international, Acura Nuiquila, has been selected to play for *Australia in Hong Kong's* annual sevens tournament later this month.

Nuiquila, a utility back who has played in the Sydney club competition for the past three years, was one of four new faces in the Australian side, which will be captained by the Queensland stand-off, Michael Lynagh.

● Moseley, with no fewer than 14 members of their first-team pool injured or unavailable, are forced into a number of changes for their match against Abertillery at home tomorrow night. Simon Robson, a replacement for England last Saturday, returns at scrum half to captain the side.

Faldo's Open provided inspiration to two young professionals

School's out: Barry Lane (left) and Mark Roe hope they have left their qualifying school days behind them

Lane and Roe are determined to take fast route to Lytham

MITCHELL PLATTS, Golf Correspondent, continues his analysis of Britain's up-and-coming golfers with profiles of Barry Lane and Mark Roe.

Barry Lane and Nick Faldo have little in common, except that they both turned professional in 1976 and share an interest in cars, but 1988 could finally see them collide in the fast lane of golf.

***Faldo's* craving for success made him a Ryder Cup player *within 16 months* of leaving the amateur ranks, and he graduated to Open Champion last summer. Meanwhile, Lane veered rather aimlessly from one fairway to another as he returned to the European tour qualifying school on seven occasions, four times failing the examination.**

By the end of 1986 Faldo had earned more than £1 million in prize-money, and probably as much again through contracts and endorsements, whereas Lane's official winnings on the European tour amounted to £4,070.

The contrasts between Faldo and Lane clearly illuminates the other side of a game which today can make a player a millionaire in a single year — Ian Woosnam in 1987 — but leave a hoard of bright-eyed hopefuls kicking their spikes in bitter frustration.

Lane, however, has shown considerable strength of character, marrying determination with ambition, to avoid falling by the wayside as so many weary aspirants have in the past. That his endeavour was finally rewarded *last October with his victory in the* Equity and Law Challenge, an unofficial event sanctioned by the Volvo Tour and carrying a £20,000 *first prize, provided ample evi*dence that, at the age of 27, he can *at last move into the front line*.

The instant gain has been financial security, because as he tees off in the Majorcan Open tomorrow, Lane knows that he rose to 27th place in the Order of Merit last year, compared with 157th in 1986, and his income approached six figures.

More important, his character has not been soured by the years of agonizing over his future, and he remains an amiable individual with a sound outlook on life. "I don't care whether I win the Majorcan Open or the Open Championship this year," he said. "I just want to win my first fully-fledged 72-hole tournament. Quite honestly, *it would probably be best* if the Majorcan Open came first. If *my first win was in the Open*, then everybody would expect me to be a *superstar overnight*.

"That doesn't mean that if I had the chance to win the Open coming down the 18th at Royal Lytham and St Annes in July, I would start thinking to myself that finishing runner-up *might be better. But I've* not progressed over the years in leaps and bounds, like some of the other guys, so logically my next stepping-stone is to win a 72-hole event on the Volvo Tour."

Lane began his golf in a field near his home in Bracknell where *his father, who played off a* handicap of 20, took him to hit *some shots*. "I wasn't very good, but I kept working at it. I got down to a four handicap in 15 months, then seven days before my sixteenth birthday, I decided to take an assistant professional's job.

"Roger Mace, the professional at The Downshire, told me to work hard, as he felt I had a future in the game, but it took me a lot longer to recognize the importance of practising. Now I spend more time on the driving range."

Lane did win the assistant professionals' world championship in 1983, but his hopes of a quick breakthrough in Europe were stifled when he contracted a tropical disease the following year in Africa. Now, however, Lane is being widely talked of as the player most likely to emerge in 1988. "It is very nice to know that others have faith in me, but at the end of the day it doesn't matter what people say," *he said. "If it's* going to be your week, then it will be. *For instance, in the German* Open last year, I finished 21-under-par, but *I had to settle for* third place. Paul Way played great *for one week when nobody else did* and he won the European Open. It just goes to show that you do need a touch of luck as well.

***"I'll be disappointed* if I don't win in 1988, but I'm convinced that I will in the next two or three years. I feel that there will be a few new faces alongside Seve Ballesteros, Nick Faldo and company in the 1989 Ryder Cup team. I aim to be one of them."**

No golfer enjoyed the 116th Open Championship last summer *more than* Nick Faldo, but for Mark Roe it provided an experience he will never forget.

"I learned more that week *than* you can in 10 ordinary tournaments," Roe said. "*Coming up* the 18th fairway is something you *dream of as a kid. There were* probably more than 10,000 people *in the grandstands*: it gives me goosebumps just thinking about it, even now."

Roe finished joint 17th in his first Open Championship. He tied with Ken Brown, with whom he played on the third day, and he partnered Ben Crenshaw in the fourth round when the American compiled a 68 to earn a share of fourth place, two shots behind Faldo. "I didn't feel in awe of Ken or Ben," Roe said. "In fact, I felt it was where I should be.

"It certainly made up for dropping from 39th in the Order of Merit in 1986 to 49th last year. That was a touch disappointing but when I look back I'm convinced I learned more in 1987 than I did the previous year.

"For instance, I led the Dutch Open by two shots after five holes of the third round, which was a new experience for me, and I played with Seve Ballesteros on the last day. What delighted me was that I managed to outscore Seve in my first competitive round alongside him. It was a tremendous education. You cannot *help* but feel nervous standing on the first tee. You don't actually *shake*, but you are very aware of the situation. When you reach the *first* green you are *still* nervous and that it takes two or three holes to settle down. By then you realize how much Seve wants you to do well. He knows what you're going through because he's been down the same road himself.

"Seve was great. I missed quite a short put on the last green and it cost me the best part of £2,500. As we walked off the green Seve came across, shook my hand and told me not to think about it. He didn't have to say anything, but I think it shows the measure of the man that he did."

Roe should by now have become immune to disappointments. Initially, he was on course to become a top international diver until an ear injury forced him off the springboard.

"I soon became hooked on golf," he said. "I was 13 at the time. I couldn't go to school for seven months because of the injury and so I played golf every day at the Hallowes Club near our home in Dronfield.

"By the age of 16, I knew that I wanted to be a professional golfer. I passed eight O levels and I had a chat with the headmaster and he said that with my academic potential, he would like me to do four A levels.

"I said I would prefer to do two and spend the rest of the time playing golf. We agreed to disagree and I left school."

By the winter of 1983 — three years after turning professional — Roe could have been forgiven for wondering if he had made an error of judgement. "I had been to the qualifying school three times and missed out on each occasion," he explains.

"I was tempted to throw the clubs away. I was heartbroken. You need help at that time, to remain on track. My parents have always backed me 100 per cent and a local company gave me the money to return to the qualifying school in 1984. I made it and finished *104th in the Order of* Merit."

Since then, Roe has had another sponsor provide monthly payments and cover air travel costs. Roe acknowledges that such financial support reduces the pressure on winning a regular cheque, *although he is still uncommonly* relaxed as far as money is concerned. "*It honestly doesn't* matter to me. Playing good golf is all I want to do.

"Obviously I'm ambitious and I *want to play in the Ryder Cup* and I would love to tee up at Augusta *in the US Masters*. I get very motivated by the big championship atmosphere, which is why it is especially pleasing to be exempt for the Open this year. I've already been to Royal Lytham and St Annes for a practice round.

"The other day I had breakfast with Tony Jacklin and I've picked his brains on the course. I'm a great admirer of what he has achieved and it goes without saying that I would love to walk down the 18th fairway there waving to the crowd just as he did back in 1969."

CRICKET

England make last four

Sydney (Reuter) — England yesterday held on to fourth place *in the qualifying round-robin* competition of the World Youth *Cup by beating New Zealand* by 39 runs, to qualify for a semi-final match against Australia on Friday.

SCORES: Remuera: England 193 for 6 (50 overs) (M Atherton 51, N Hussain 61); New Zealand 154 (44.8 overs) (C Lewis 4 for 35). England won by 39 runs. Wentworth: West Indies 272 for 6 (50 overs) (J Adams 65, B Lara 45); ICC Associates 149 for 7 (50 overs) (T Penney 74 not out). West Indies won by 123 runs. Bank: Sri Lanka *190 for 9 (50 overs)* (S Jayasuriya 53, J Samarasekera 42; S Bannerjee 3 for 19, N Hirwani 3 for 47); India 140 (28.2 overs). Sri Lanka won by 50 runs. Mildura: Pakistan 199 (49.4 overs) (Shahid Anwar 49; W Holdsworth 4 for 36); Australia 167 (47.2 overs) (Shahid Anwar 4 for 45, Mushtaq Ahmed 3 for 42). Pakistan won by 32 runs.

FINAL TABLE

	P	W	L	Pts	Rate
Australia	7	6	1	12	4.58
West Indies	7	5	2	10	3.71
Pakistan	7	5	2	10	3.36
England	7	4	3	8	3.19
Sri Lanka	7	3	4	6	3.47
India	7	3	4	6	2.95
New Zealand	7	2	5	4	3.52
ICC Associates	7	0	7	0	2.97

Semi-finals: Tomorrow — West Indies v Pakistan; Friday — Australia v England. Final: Sunday.

Pakistanis subdue President's XI

Kingston, Jamaica (Reuter) — The Pakistani bowlers made the *West Indies board President's* XI struggle for runs on the second day of their four-day match at Sabina Park.

The Pakistanis declared at 332 for nine and the President's XI had reached 208 for four when bad light ended play 16 minutes early. Hooper was top scorer for Jamaica with 67 in 115 minutes but looked badly out of form in his initial first-class innings of the season. Hooper was dropped *three* times and was missed on several *occasions*.

At the other end Arthurton, *his third-wicket partner in* a stand of 94, remained virtually strokeless, 25 not out in two and a half hours.

The *innings* was given a rousing start by the openers, *Simmons* and Lewis, who put together 79 in just over an hour. Simmons was first out for 39 when he was bowled by a ball from the all-rounder, Naveed Anjum, which kept low.

Anjum came close to another success when Best, on one, was dropped at cover. Best lifted an on-drive to Javed Miandad at square leg off Salim Jaffer when *the score was 100*. Jaffer also dismissed Lewis for 47.

After resuming at 279 for seven, Pakistan added 53 runs before declaring, 48 of which came from Naveed.

Naveed dealt with the bowling successfully in a ninth-wicket stand of 37 with Jaffer until he hit a return catch to the off-spinner, Hooper, who finished with four for 72. Pakistan declared on his dismissal.

PAKISTANIS: First Innings

Mudassar Nazar retired hurt	1
Rameez Raja c Williams b Harper	25
Salim Malik c and b Harper	86
Javed Miandad c Best b Hooper	63
Aamer Malik c Bishop b Hooper	42
Ijaz Ahmed c Hooper b Benjamin	29
*Imran Khan c Simmons b Hooper	4
†Saleem Yousuf lbw b Bishop	8
Naveed Anjum c and b Hooper	48
Tauseef Ahmed c Williams b Benjamin	2
Saleem Jaffer not out	3
Extras (b 6, lb 4, w 3, nb 8)	21
Total (9 wkts dec)	332

FALL OF WICKETS: 1-47, 2-179, 3-218, 4-249, 5-253, 6-279, 7-279, 8-295, 9-332.

BOWLING: Gray 16-1-53-0; Bishop 17-3-58-1; *Harper 24-7-61-2*; Benjamin 22-6-68-2; Hooper 24.2-5-72-4.

PRESIDENT'S XI: First Innings

P V Simmons b Naveed	39
W W Lewis c Aamer b Jaffer	47
C A Best c Miandad b Jaffer	13
K L T Arthurton not out	25
C L Hooper lbw b Naveed	67
A H Gray not out	0
Extras (b 1, lb 9, nb 7)	17
Total (4 wkts)	208

FALL OF WICKETS: 1-74, 2-100, 3-114, 4-208.

BOWLING: Imran 13-1-49-0; Jaffer 10-0-37-2; *Naveed 14-1-50-2*; Tauseef 13.2-5-34-0; Salim Malik 4-0-28-0.

England tour averages in Australia and New Zealand

Batting and fielding

	M	I	NO	Runs	HS	100	50	Avge	Ct/st
B C Broad	7	9	1	537	139	3	2	67.12	1
M W Gatting	7	9	3	364	97*	—	3	60.66	1
M D Moxon	8	10	2	482	117*	1	3	60.25	7
R J Robinson	7	1	1	489	166	1	3	48.90	2
N A Foster	3	2	1	46	27*	—	—	46.00	3
P W Jarvis	5	5	3	85	36*	—	—	42.50	—
J E Emburey	6	6	1	193	45	—	—	38.60	5
N H Fairbrother	5	6	2	126	46	—	—	31.50	3
C W J Athey	6	9	0	200	60	—	1	22.22	6
B N French	6	5	1	88	47	—	—	22.00	16
N V Radford	4	2	0	31	23	—	—	15.50	3
G R Dilley	7	5	3	30	13	—	—	15.00	1
C J Richards	2	3	1	30	20*	—	—	15.00	4
D J Capel	7	7	1	88	21	—	—	14.66	4
P A J DeFreitas	4	5	0	64	41	—	—	12.80	2
E E Hemmings	4	1	1	8	8*	—	—	—	—

Bowling

	O	M	R	W	BB	Avge	5I	10m
G R Dilley	201.1	39	506	23	6-38	22.00	2	—
M W Gatting	29.2	6	78	3	1-17	26.00	—	—
D J Capel	186.2	45	476	15	3-50	31.73	—	—
N V Radford	134.0	32	351	11	4-24	31.90	—	—
P W Jarvis	169.0	43	410	12	4-24	34.16	—	—
N A Foster	86.0	23	226	6	2-23	37.66	—	—
P A J DeFreitas	150.1	40	383	8	2-27	47.87	—	—
J E Emburey	239.2	73	505	7	1-10	72.14	—	—
E E Hemmings	184.4	43	409	5	3-53	81.40	—	—

ALSO BOWLED: C W J Athey 4-0-25-0; N H Fairbrother 2-0-9-0; M D Moxon 4-0-8-0.

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STUDENT GAMES

£1 billion plan for Sheffield

By John Goodbody

Peter Burns, a former chairman of Crown Paints, has been appointed chief executive of the World Student Games, which will be staged in Sheffield in 1991 and will be the biggest multi-sports event ever staged in Britain.

The cost of the regeneration of the region *plus the facilities* and running of the Games is expected to approach £1 billion and it is the task of Burns to ensure that the biennial event is not a financial disaster like the 1986 Commonwealth Games in Edinburgh.

Burns said yesterday: "I am naturally apprehensive as any sensible person will be. But I *take heart from Peter Ueberroth's* efforts in staging the *Olympic Games in Los Angeles* in 1984."

***If Burns is successful then not* only Sheffield and Yorkshire will be grateful but also Britain itself. The facilities will be available for generations ahead and *the prestige will be immense* since the Games will attract more than 7,000 competitors.**

Already £500 million worth of work *is starting* on a vast new shopping centre, hotels, and an airport. *Much of this money is* coming from central government as part of its programme of regeneration of inner cities.

***It is hoped that it will give the* momentum to industry and business in the area which will encourage sponsorship and private investment in the Games.**

Richard Field, the president of the Sheffield chamber of commerce, said yesterday: "In the past companies were talking of moving away from the city but now they are moving back and investment is coming. We are also ensuring that the people in *Sheffield* get the jobs."

FOOTBALL

Robson can count on Watson in England defence

By Ian Ross

Colin Harvey, the Everton manager, yesterday singled out Dave Watson as the man around whom England should build their defensive strategy in the European Championship finals in West Germany this summer.

Possibly prompted by continuing fears over the fitness of Terry Butcher, the Rangers defender who is recovering from a broken leg, Harvey insisted that Watson should be given the chance to prove his worth by being handed an extended run in the national side.

"He has had a tremendous season for us — he has been a rock," Harvey said. "I think that he has earned the right to a run in the England side."

Butcher, who has been out of action for three months, remains adamant that he will be fit enough to be named in Bobby Robson's squad for the finals and should be back in the Rangers team next month. The England manager suggested on Monday that Butcher's selection would be in doubt unless he started playing again soon.

Butcher is still at the Lilleshall Rehabilitation Centre, but the Rangers' assistant manager, Walter Smith, said yesterday: "This is his last week there and he is progressing as we anticipated. We are not setting him any targets but we expect he will be playing by next month.

Everton, meanwhile, will leapfrog into second place in the first division table behind Liverpool if they defeat Tottenham Hotspur in tonight's rearranged League game at White Hart Lane.

Harvey has named a 14-man squad and could well decide to recall Power, the veteran utility player who is fully recovered from a knee injury. "It is important that we keep our five-game unbeaten League run going for as long as is possible. We must finish as high as we can, that has been our aim all along," he said.

Facing Everton tonight will be Bobby Mimms, who moved to White Hart Lane from Goodison Park a fortnight ago in a £375,000 deal. "I rate him one of the top five goalkeepers in the country. I certainly could not find any fault with him during the time he was with us," Neville Southall, the Everton goalkeeper, said.

One more casualty at Liverpool

Barry Venison, who missed Liverpool's 1-0 win at Queen's Park Rangers on Saturday with a groin strain, was yesterday admitted to hospital for an appendix operation which will keep him out of the side for several weeks. He becomes the third regular member of Liverpool's back four to drop out through injury. Mark Lawrenson and Gary Gillespie are the others.

● Dave Mackay, the Doncaster Rovers' manager, has offered professional contracts to eight of his talented youth team. Mackay recently put all his senior players on the transfer list but he said: "We have some outstanding youngsters and they are the future of the club."

● Wayne Williams, aged 23, the Shrewsbury captain, has put in a transfer request after being dropped for last Saturday's game against Millwall.

● John Martin will referee the Simod Cup Final at Wembley on March 27.

Wilson to stay at Forest until 1992

By Dennis Shaw

Brian Clough's long-term plan to develop Nottingham Forest into a team capable of winning regular honours has helped Terry Wilson to a new four-year contract.

The tall, strong midfield player, who has appeared for Scotland at schools, youth and under-21 level, has tied himself to the club until June 1992.

Clough, who is expected to be under increasing pressure to release Neil Webb and perhaps his son, Nigel, to top Italian clubs, demonstrated his aim of holding on to his best young players.

"This four-year contract for Wilson well before his existing one expires in the summer shows how much we want to hang on to our best young players," Clough said.

"It is a recognition of his potential. By securing him until well into the next decade we are allowing him to progress his career without having to concern himself about his future."

Wilson, aged 19, has blossomed in the exciting young Forest team since his debut earlier in the season.

Wilson did not hesitate to sign the lengthy contract when offered. "I still find it hard to believe I have played in so many games already and been part of such a good young team," he said.

"I was very happy when Forest asked me to sign in the first place and I am more than happy to stay here."

● STOCKHOLM: Kjetil Osvold, the Norwegian international midfield player, is reported to have said that he is keen to leave Nottingham Forest and return to Scandinavia (AFP reports). Osvold, aged 26, has had few first-team opportunities with Forest and wants to be released from his three-year contract to sign for the Swedish club, Djurgaarden, next season.

Repeat cup success for the RUC

By George Ace

R Ulster Constabulary ... 2
S Wales Constabulary .. 0

The Royal Ulster Constabulary, British Police champions, repeated their quarter-final win of last season over the South Wales Constabulary at Newforge, Belfast, yesterday.

Unlike last year's encounter which went into extra time, Whiteside dispelled prospects of an extra half-hour yesterday when he netted a second goal for the RUC following a free kick with 12 minutes remaining.

The RUC should have turned round at least two goals ahead. After 20 minutes Lucas blazed over when well placed and on the half-hour Ferris fired wide from close range when it appeared easier to score.

McCandless, a livewire in the RUC attack, headed against the underside of the crossbar and just on the interval, Whiteside was a trifle unlucky when a rasping shot took a deflection to whistle past the far post.

James went close for the visitors early in the second half, which the Welsh started in promising style. But it was not long before the RUC regained control with Alexander crashing a long range effort against the crossbar.

Lucas broke the deadlock with a well taken goal in the 65th minute, leaving Ward helpless with an angled shot from inside the area. Ward then did well to tip a Patterson shot over the bar before Whiteside made sure of their victory.

RUC: T McKay; R Beggs, K Whiteside, J Donald, J Crawford, S Patterson (sub: Cochrane), K Alexander, G Ferris, R Whiteside (sub: B Mckimmon), S Lucas, C McCandless.
SOUTH WALES: T Ward; A Finley, J Coterall, M Buck, P Dwyer, T Hincey (sub: R Huskings), A Walbeoft, S Horsey, L Hill, T Thomas, C Jones (sub: P Stephens).
Referee: W Clarke.

Kidderminster Harriers have announced a profit of £25,070 for the 1986-87 season. During that time the GM Vauxhall Conference side won the FA Trophy and enjoyed a 43 per cent increase in attendances.

Swiss offender refuses to give up

Geneva (Reuter) — A Swiss court of appeal has upheld a fine of SwFr5,000 (£1,850) imposed last June on a former Swiss international midfield player for violence in a match.

Jacques Marillon, the lawyer representing the former Vevey player, Pierre-Albert Chapuisat, said yesterday after the appeal had been dismissed that he would take the case to the federal supreme court in Lausanne.

A police tribunal had ruled that violence on the football field was a punishable offence and found Chapuisat guilty of causing bodily injury to Lucien Favre of Servette Geneva during a league match in September 1985.

Favre, also a former international, was put out of action for nine months by the tackle, which shattered ligaments in his left knee. Two similar cases were dealt with by the courts in 1979 and 1981.

● The postponed European Cup Winners' Cup tie between Young Boys of Switzerland and Ajax, the holders, which is scheduled to be played in Berne today, is again in the balance. The first leg of the quarter-final was called off last Tuesday because of an icy pitch and the surface is still soggy on top and frozen underneath.

If the match cannot be played in Berne's Wankdorf stadium, it will be switched to either Basle or Geneva tomorrow. The decision as to whether the match can go ahead in Berne will be taken around two hours before tonight's scheduled kick-off.

"We have to consider the visiting team's supporters and wait till the last possible moment," a spokesman for the European Football Union.

● Klaus Allofs, the West German captain, is likely to miss at least one match in the West Berlin four-nation tournament next month because of commitments with his French club, Marseilles.

YACHTING: CRUSADER II UNDERGOING EXTENSIVE MODIFICATION AT HAMBLE TO IMPROVE RATING

Hamble boatmen: The men behind Crusader II's design, Walker (back left), Hollom (front left), Chris Freer (back right) and Warden Owen (Photograph: Ian Stewart)

Smith and Warden Owen team up for world event

By Barry Pickthall

Lawrie Smith, who has been out of 12-metre racing since 1983, has decided to team up with Eddie Warden Owen to sail Crusader II in an all-out effort to win the 12-metre world championship in Sweden in June.

The radical design with its forward protruding bulb keel, drawn by the model-boat expert, David Hollom, was revealed yesterday. It is undergoing extensive modification at Hamble to realize the race-winning potential that Graham Walker's America's Cup syndicate had never the time or money to develop during the Cup series in Fremantle.

The Hollom design, nicknamed Hippo by her building crew, is having her bows raised by one foot to improve her rating which in turn allows her to carry extra sail area to maximize performance in the light sea breezes expected at the world championships inside the Arctic Circle at Lulea in the Baltic. The yacht's mast position has also been moved 15in in an effort to improve her balance.

The world championship event, which will include a race under Sweden's midnight sun starting at 2 a.m., has attracted a strong field that includes Dennis Conner, who is taking time out from French lessons in multihull racing in preparation for this year's America's Cup to compete in Kookaburra II.

Also attending will be the Californian arch-rival, Tom Blackaller, who is bringing his twin-ruddered 12-metre, USA, a yacht just as radical in design as Crusader II. She will share the line with Australia's beaten America's Cup defender, Kookaburra III, to be sailed by Peter Gilmour and Iain Murray.

The French Kiss group, who have offered to provide a 75ft high-tech tune-up catamaran to help Conner head off New Zealand's unwelcome American Cup challenge, has also been entered and the New Zealanders also promise to defend the world crown they secured in the last windless series off Sardinia last summer.

The West Germans, who are taking up 12-metre racing for the first time, have chartered the Aga Khan's Azzura III, and the Japanese Nippon challenge are taking over the New York Yacht Club's America II for the series.

Also on a star-studded entry list for this event, which is being staged as a defiant gesture against those who believe this venerable class is dead without the America's Cup to support it, is Syd Fischer's Steak 'n' Kidney, from Australia, Bengal, and the former New Zealand KZ5 representing Japan, Canada II and Entertainer 12, which will be carrying Swedish hopes.

Walker's other 12-metre, the Ian Howlett-designed White Crusader has been chartered for the year by the Danish America's Cup syndicate and is already in the Baltic being tuned up for this series.

Crusader II is scheduled to be launched in April in time for The Times/James Capel Crewsearch trial at Cowes, where Harold Cudmore will be testing out more than 60 potential offshore sailors.

SKIING

Svet lets in Meier at Aspen

Aspen, Colorado (Reuter) — Christine Meier, of West Germany, ended her own doubts about her racing ability on Monday with a World Cup giant slalom victory on Aspen Mountain after Mateja Svet, of Yugoslavia, fastest on the first run, faltered.

The West German's solid second run gave her a combined winning time of 2min 23.16sec, compared to Blanca Fernández-Ochoa, of Spain, timed at 2:23.44 and Ulrike Maier, of Austria, third in 2:23.73.

Svet was fourth, just ahead of Tamara McKinney, of the United States, who finished her first race since breaking a leg.

It was Meier's first World Cup win. "It's a nice beginning," Meier said. "For a time, I was worried whether it ever would come."

Sixth place for Catherine Quittet, of France, put her into the giant slalom lead with 78 points, while Brigitte Oertli, of Switzerland, twelfth, gained four points to increase her World Cup overall lead over Michela Figini, also Swiss, to 202-194.

HOCKEY

RAF defend their title

The 32nd women's inter-services championships start today at Aldershot with the Royal Air Force, who will be defending their title, playing the Navy (Joyce Whitehead writes). Tomorrow the losers today play the Army and the remaining match will take place on Friday.

For the last two years the host service has come out on top — the Navy in 1986 and the RAF last year — but all three teams have an experienced core.

Record profit

Third division Brentford made a record profit of £270,247 for the financial year ending May 31, 1987.

BADMINTON

Soviets build for Olympics

By Richard Eaton

England take on the Soviet Union at Bletchley tonight and Mansfield tomorrow in matches that promise to be the most fascinating international encounter since the Chinese re-emerged onto the scene six years ago.

The Soviets may not be in the same dominating class as the Chinese but they are probably the most improved badminton nation in Europe, and since the announcement that the sport is going into the Olympics in 1992, they have made it clear that medals in Barcelona is their aim.

The spirit of *glasnost* has lent a sweeter flavour to the two matches. There was evidence of better relations between the USSR women and other nations at the Uber Cup European zone tournament in Amsterdam the week before last, and relations with England officials on Monday night positively glowed.

Only Vlada Beliutina of the Amsterdam team will be taking part, but there is no doubt that the Soviets have already developed a women's squad good enough to give any country a game. The men are more of an unknown quantity. The English will also be using the matches to try to answer some imponderables.

Matthew Smith, the former European champion from Hampshire, will gain his first cap tomorrow at Mansfield as a replacement for the Commonwealth champion, Steve Baddeley. Baddeley, who is the first Englishman since the war to be seeded in the top four of the All-England championships, has a chest infection, the last thing he needed after two months out with a broken foot.

Julie Munday, aged 18, who earned her first cap in Amsterdam, wins another one tonight, at Bletchley as a replacement for the indisposed Sally Podger. Munday, a big woman with an aggressive style, may start to reveal whether she can challenge for a singles place for the Uber Cup finals.

There is also a notable return tomorrow for Caren Chapman, the former European doubles champion, who has spent much of the last three years away from top level play. Nigel Tier, the former holder of the World Grand Prix mixed doubles title, is also back, in place of Mike Brown, who has an injured back.

Concern over Podger

Sally Podger's future as an England international is causing concern (Richard Eaton writes). The player, aged 26, from Guernsey was taken home from the German Open championship last week suffering from acute depression. She is unlikely to play at international level for two months.

Podger had done superbly to come back after three years away from top level play to win the national title for the first time and earn a place in England's Uber Cup team in Amsterdam. There she distinguished herself with dome typically courageous and flamboyant performances and was the only one of England's leading singles players, men or women, to remain unbeaten.

She suffered a similar illness after the birth of her baby last year, and her relapse means she will miss the international matches against the USSR, the all-England championships next week, and probably next month the European championships in Norway as well.

MOTOR RACING

Stewart to step up in class

By Andrew Longmore

Famous sons of famous fathers are common currency in motor racing these days, it seems. Damon Hill, the Brabham brothers and Justin Bell, all have followed their fathers into motor racing. Yesterday, however, the most famous son of the lot, Paul Stewart, eldest son of the three-time world champion, Jackie, announced his new racing team and a programme of 22 races in Formula Ford 2000 for this season.

Stewart, aged 22, had 15 races last year in FF 1600, but with his own team and new sponsorship from Camel, this year's programme represents a considerable step up in class and he is well aware that the spotlight for a Stewart will be unusually strong.

"Obviously there are pluses and minuses about being the son of a former world champion and I will probably be expected to do well rather quicker than anyone else simply because of who I am," he said. "But, in the end, my father has helped me a lot in my career and now that he sees I'm really serious about motor racing, he's right behind me.

Stewart has been brought up in a motor racing atmosphere from the start — he was born when his father was away racing — but he never consciously became intent on a racing career until he was 17.

Stewart senior kept away from yesterday's launch, not wanting to take the limelight away from his son or put extra pressure on him, but Mrs Stewart admitted to having mixed feelings about welcoming another member of her family into one of the most dangerous professions in the world.

"I must admit I thought my days in racing were over. But it's Paul's decision and I wouldn't want to stand in his way."

Stewart junior will be driving a Reynard, the car which has won Formula Ford for the last five years, and his season begins on Easter Monday at Castle Combe, before that he has another appointment — his exams for a degree in political science at Duke University in North Carolina.

TENNIS

Seles's young talent shines through

From Barry Wood, Boca Raton, Florida

A Yugoslav schoolgirl, aged 14, with an American accent and a huge grin that exposes the braces on her teeth, led a series of upsets on the opening day of the Virginia Slims tournament here.

Monica Seles stands 5ft 4in and weighs a little more than seven stones, but taking part for the first time in a major event she outplayed the Canadian No. 1, Helen Kelesi, 7-6, 6-3.

Kelesi, 31st on the world rankings, does not concede matches easily, but Seles succeeded with a delightfully varied game. Her drive and sheer weight of shot left her opponent stunned and, after the match, in floods of tears. Discovered in 1985 at the Orange Bowl by Nick Bollettieri and whisked off to his tennis academy, Seles is already being chased by agents eager to sign a player who Alan Jones, Jo Durie's coach, believes is a better prospect than Steffi Graf was at the same age.

Durie's sad slide towards obscurity continued on Monday night, when she lost to Robin White 7-6, 6-2.

FIRST ROUND (US unless stated): M Seles (Yug) bt H Kelesi (Can), 7-6, 6-3; P Paradis (Fr) bt T Scheuer Larsen (Den), 6-3, 7-5; K Schimper (SA) bt J Hetherington (Can), 6-4, 3-6, 6-2; R White bt J Durie (GB), 7-6, 6-2; B Fulco (Arg) bt S Rehe, 6-4, 5-7, 6-4; P Louie Harper bt A Minter (Aus), 6-2, 6-0; M Torres bt B Cordwell (NZ), 6-4, 6-2; N Provis (Aus) bt P Huber (Aus), 6-1, 6-2; B Schultz (Neth) bt S Meier (WG), 7-6, 6-1; N Tauziat (Fr) bt M Werdel, 6-4, 6-2; N Dias (Br) bt E Inoue (Japan), 6-4, 2-6, 6-0; K Horvath bt R Zrubakova (Cz), 6-4, 6-3; E Reinach (SA) bt L Garrone (It), 6-2, 1-6, 6-2; L Bonder bt P Casale, 6-4, 6-3; F Taraboni (Arg) bt C Jolissaint (Switz), 6-3, 6-3; G Fernandez (P Rico) bt T Phelps, 6-4, 7-6; L Golarsa (It) bt E Hakami, 1-6, 6-3, 6-3; L Ferrando (It) bt C Lindqvist (Swe), 6-4, 6-3; W Probst (WG) bt B Nugelsen, 7-5, 3-6, 6-3; W Turnbull (Aus) bt A de Vries (Bel), 3-6, 6-2, 6-2.

BOXING

Delayed treatment for Fenech's broken hand

Sydney (AFP) — Jeff Fenech, of Australia, found that fame brought no favours when he turned up at two public hospitals yesterday for treatment to his broken right hand.

Fenech, aged 23, said he had carried the injured hand — the nature of which was a stress fracture — into Monday's contest in which he stopped Victor Callejas, of Puerto Rico, in 10 rounds at Sydney Entertainment Centre to win the World Boxing Council's vacant featherweight title.

Fenech's flatmate, Mitchell Barnes, said the champion had called at two hospitals seeking treatment and pain-killers for the injury, which he aggravated during the contest.

But he was forced to join the end of the queue of casualty patients and left both hospitals before receiving attention. He was treated later in the day by a private doctor.

LACROSSE

Harrogate in top form

Harrogate College beat Lady Eleanor Holles School, of Hampton, Middlesex, 2-1 to win the Farr Cup (seniors) on the fourth day of the All-England Schoolgirls' tournament at Merton yesterday (Peter Tarlow writes).

Harrogate scored through Liz Brearley and Titi Hassan for a 2-1 half-time lead and Sara Jones replied for Lady Eleanor soon after the interval.

The Watson Trophy (juniors) went to Lady Eleanor who beat Howell Llandaff 4-2 in the final.

RESULTS: Farr Cup (seniors): Semi-finals: LEH 5, Norwich HS 1; Benenden 2, Harrogate 4. Final: LEH 1, Harrogate 2. Watson Cup (juniors): Semi-finals: LEH 3, Benenden 1; Howells Llandaff 3, St Albans HS 2. Final: LEH 4, Howells Llandaff 2.

Favoured woman

Louise Aitken-Walker, Britain's leading woman rally driver, is the favourite for the Skip Brown Rally which starts on Saturday at Chester. The Cumbrian driver, in her Peugeot 205, heads a record entry of 150 for the 250-mile event, the second of eight rounds in the Cellnet/*Autosport* National Championship.

FOR THE RECORD

ATHLETICS

BARRY ISLAND: 40 mile track race: 1, M McGeoch (Les Croupons), 2:58:40; 2, P Brown (Wallsend H), 4:18.46; 3, Pickard (Epsom and Ewell), 4:18.43. Veteran (Over 50): G Kay (Stone), 4:26:08. (Over 55): R Emmerson (Leamington), 4:27:39, world record. Women: 1, H Walter (Serpentine), 5:4:30. Veteran (Over 40): C Hammond (Ashbourne), 5:39:35, world record.

WYVERN: 10-miles road race: 1, S Brace (Bridgend), 51min 04sec; 2, A Jones (Newport H), 51.34; 3, C Owen (Mansfield), 51.47. Veteran: E Lee (Pegasus, Cardiff), 52.49. Team: 1, City of Bath, 37pts. Women: 1, L Merchant (City of Bath), 61.37.

BADMINTON

GRAND PRIX STANDINGS: Men: equal 1, J P Nierhoff (Den) and M Frost (Den), 360pts; 3, N Yates (Eng), 320; 4, I Fredriksen (Den), 285; 5, I Sugiarto (Indo), 255; 6, T Carlsen (Den), 240; 7, S Butler (Eng), 225; 8, M Kjeldsen (Den), 220; 9, L Pongoh (Indo), 210; 10, P-E Hoyer-Larsen (Den), 175. Women: 1, H Aiping (China), 420; 2, K Larsen (Den), 375; 3, P Nedergaard (Den), 360; 4, C Magnusson (Swe), 285; equal 5, G Jaeing (China) and E Coene (Neth), 160; equal 7, C Skropke (WG) and H Troke (Eng), 155; 9, K Schmidt (WG), 145; equal 10, A Chan (HK), 130 and Kho Mei Hwa (Indo), 130.

BASKETBALL

CARLSBERG LEAGUE: Drapers Tools Solent Stars 107 (Smith 44), Polycell Kingston 117 (Bontrager 48).

CARLSBERG LEAGUE

	P	W	L	F	A	Pts
Portsmouth	28	26	2	2677	2189	52
Kingston	28	24	4	2531	2476	48
Livingston	28	22	6	2767	2298	44
Manchester U	28	21	7	2718	2345	42
Calderdale	28	20	8	2694	2246	40
Bracknell	28	17	11	2623	2435	34
Birmingham	28	14	14	2539	2758	28
Solent	28	14	14	2809	2737	28
Leicester	27	13	14	2654	2586	26
Bolton & Bury	28	12	16	2350	2386	24
Hemel Hempst	28	9	19	2647	2863	18
Sunderland	28	8	20	2588	2910	16
Derby	28	4	24	2122	2640	8
Oldham	28	3	25	2435	3040	6
BCP London	27	2	25	2201	2770	4

UNITED STATES: National Association (NBA) games: New York Knicks 110, Chicago Bulls 98, Los Angeles Lakers 110, Philadelphia 76ers 104; Utah Jazz 105, New Jersey Nets 81; Sacramento Kings 116, Denver Nuggets 114.

BILLIARDS

BOLTON: BCE world championship: First round: H Nimmo (Sco) bt F Davis (Eng), 4-2; I Williamson (Eng) bt B Close (Eng), 4-2.

BOXING

HOVE TOWN HALL: Professional tournament: Featherweight (six rounds): Tommy Bernard (Bermondsey) bt Chris Cooper (Torquay), rsc second. Light middle: (six rounds): John Uphill (Hastings) bt Keith Butler (Clacton) ko first. Middle: (six rounds): Chris Eubanks (Brighton) bt Winston Burnett (Cardiff) pts. Light welterweight (10 rounds): Tony Lang (Nottingham) bt Stanley Jones (Swansea) ko, 1st. Cruiserweight (eight rounds final eliminator for British title): Ian Bulloch (Bolsover) bt Danny Lawford (Manchester), pts.

ETON FIVES

NATIONAL LEAGUE
First division

	P	W	L	Pts
The Village	12	11	1	31
Old Cholmins	12	10	2	28
Old Salopians	12	6	6	21
Old Berkstians	12	6	6	19
Old Ipswichians	12	7	5	18
Old W'mnstrs	12	5	7	15
Old Etonians	12	3	9	12
Lancing OBs	11	2	9	7
Old Edwardians	11	1	10	4
Second division				
Old Wulfrunians	12	10	2	27
Old Stocks	12	9	3	25
The Heath	12	6	6	21
Old Cholmins II	12	7	5	19
Old Carthusians	12	4	8	15
Old Harrovians	9	5	4	13
Old W'mnstrs II	9	3	9	
Old Reptonians	9	2	7	8
Chigwill	10	2	8	7

FOOTBALL

SUNDAY MIRROR COMBINATION: Portsmouth 1, Norwich 2; Queen's Park Rangers 2, Bristol Rovers 2; Fulham 0, Millwall 0.
VAUXHALL-OPEL LEAGUE: Premier Division: Croydon 1, Hendon 3. Second division North: Vauxhall Motors 0, Saffron Walden Town 2. Second division south: Ruislip Manor 0, Horsham 0.
CENTRAL LEAGUE: First division: Everton 2, Blackpool 1; Leicester 2, Liverpool 1; Sheffield Wednesday 2, Sheffield United 0. Second division: Rotherham 3, Scunthorpe 3.
SOVIET LEAGUE: Dynamo Tbilisi 2, Zhalgiris Vilnius 1.

GOLF

LPGA TOUR (US unless stated): 1, A Okamoto (Japan), $60,750; 2, B Daniel $51,437; 3, J Carner, $30,346; 4, P Sheehan, $49,583; 5, B King $48,781; 6, N Lopez, $32,813; 7, D Richard, $27,040; 8, J Stephenson (Aus), $26,439; 9, M Figueras-Dotti (Sp), $26,132; 10, T Green, $22,129.

ICE HOCKEY

NORTH AMERICA: National League (NHL): Edmonton Oilers 6, Winnipeg Jets 0; Pittsburgh Penguins 5, Calgary Flames 4.

RUGBY UNION

SCHOOLS MATCH: Eltham College 36, Dartford GS 9.
MIDDLESEX COLTS CUP: Final: Staines 9, Ealing 16.

SKIING

ASPEN, Colorado: Women's World Cup giant slalom: 1, C Meier (WG), 2:23.16; 2, B Fernandez-Ochoa (Sp), 2:23.44; 3, U Maier (Austria), 2:23.73; 4, M Svet (Yug), 2:24.00; 5, T McKinney (US), 2:24.32; 6, C Quittet (Fr), 2:24.86; 7, A Wachter (Austria), 2:25.06; 8, A Harter (WG), 2:25.14; equal 9, C Merle (Fr), C Kirchofer-Guestlein (WG), 2:25.15. Overall World Cup positions: 1, B Oertli (Switz), 202pts; 2, M Figini (Switz), 194; 3, V Schneider (Switz), 185; 4, A Wachter (Austria), 178; 5, B Fernandez-Ochoa (Sp), 174; 6, M Walliser (Switz), 143. Overall giant slalom positions: 1, C Quittet (Fr), 78pts; 2, V Schneider (Switz), 75; 3, M Svet (Yug), 62; 4, C Merle (Fr), 59; 5, B Fernandez-Ochoa (Sp), 58; 6, A Wachter (Austria), 54.

SQUASH RACKETS

LONDONDERRY CUP: Quarter-final: Gresham 4, Oundle 1.
SQUASH RACKETS: National League: Northern Division: Newcastle Kingston's 0, Tribal Thornbridge 5; Abbeydale 4, Pontefract 1.

TENNIS

ATP RANKINGS: 1, I Lendl (Cz); 2, M Wilander (Swe); 3, S Edberg (Swe); 4, B Becker (WG); 5, J Connors (US); 6, P Cash (Aus); 7, M Mecir (Cz); 8, T Mayotte (US); 9, A Gomez (Ec); 10, B Gilbert (US).
WTA RANKINGS: 1, M Navratilova (US), $225,1236; 2, P Shriver (US), $156,290; 3, S Graf (WG), $154,482; 4, H Sukova (Cz), $65,750; 5, C Evert (US), $63,900; 6, L McNeil (US), $51,900; 7, C Kohde-Kilsch (WG), $47,225; 8, J Novotna (Cz), $42,969; 9, Z Garrison (US), $42,821; 10, H Mandlikova (Aus), $41,012.
GRAND PRIX RANKINGS: 1, P Cash (Aus), 1,230pts; 2, M Wilander (Swe), 1,200; 3, S Edberg (Swe), 1,022; 4, B Becker (WG), 928; 5, A Agassi (US), 720; 6, Y Noah (Fr), 695; 7, J Fitzgerald (Aus), 652; 8, T Mayotte (US), 625; 9, I Lendl (Cz), 543; 10, M Mecir (Cz), 541.
ORLANDO, Florida: Orlando Classic tournament: First round: R Krishnan (Ind) bt J Yzaga (Peru), 6-1, 4-6, 6-2; A Gomez (Ec) bt E Bengoechea (Arg), 1-6, 7-6, 6-2; M Jaite (Arg) bt S Zivojinovic (Yug), 6-2, 7-6; M Vajda (Cz) bt P Lundgren (Swe), 6-4, 6-4; A Chesnokov (USSR) bt J Frawley (Aus), 6-3, 6-1; L Mattar (Br) bt G Perez-Roldan (Arg), 3-6, 6-4, 6-3; A Krickstein (US) bt M Pernfors (Swe), 6-2, 6-4; T Smid (Cz) bt P Annacone (US), 7-6, 6-4.

YACHTING

MIAMI: 50ft Big Boat series: 1, Fujimo (J Bertrand, US); 2, Royal Blue (J Kristiansen, Swe); 3, Infinity (T Whidden, US).

SNOW REPORTS

	Depth (cm) L	Depth (cm) U	Piste	Conditions Off Piste	Runs to resort	Weather (5pm)	°C
AUSTRIA							
St Anton	80	370	good	powder	good	snow	-2
Great skiing; poor visibility							
FRANCE							
Megève	110	225	good	varied	good	fine	0
Excellent skiing conditions							
Morzine	70	210	good	powder	good	fine	1
Excellent skiing conditions							
La Plagne	170	–	good	powder	good	fine	-5
Excellent skiing everywhere							
Tignes	148	280	good	heavy	good	snow	-4
Lifts limited by high winds							
SWITZERLAND							
Davos	90	190	good	heavy	good	cloud	-8
Much snow, poor light							
Grindelwald	90	190	powder	powder	powder	snow	-6
Avalanche risk is high							
Mürren	150	220	good	powder	good	cloud	-6
Brilliant deep powder							
Villars	130	260	good	powder	good	sunny	0
Excellent powder							

In the above reports, supplied by representatives of the Ski Club of Great Britain, L refers to lower slopes and U to upper, and art to artificial.

FRANCE	L	U
Alpe d'Huez	160	280
Les Arcs	125	295
Barèges	120	230
Chamonix: Mont Blanc	85	450
La Clusaz	130	250
Courchevel	165	190
Les deux Alpes	100	400
Flaine	185	380
Isola 2000	125	170
Méribel	100	185
Val d'Isère	130	180

● Information supplied by the French Government Tourist Office.

SCOTLAND

Cairngorm: upper runs, runs complete, wide cover of spring snow on a hard base; middle runs, runs complete, wide cover spring of snow on a hard base; lower slopes, runs complete, wide cover of wet snow on a hard base; vertical runs, 1,800ft; hill and main roads, clear; snow level, 2,000ft. Glenshee: upper runs, runs complete, with hard packed snow and many icy patches; middle runs, runs complete, with hard packed snow and icy patches; lower slopes, runs almost complete, with hard packed snow and icy patches; vertical runs, 2,000ft; hill and main roads, clear; snow level, 1,500ft. Glencoe: no report. Lecht: upper runs, runs complete, with wet snow on a firm base; middle runs, runs complete, with wet snow on a firm base; lower slopes, runs almost complete, with hard packed snow and icy patches; vertical runs, 700ft; hill and main roads, clear; snow level, 2,000ft. Forecast for today: over Cairngorm, Glenshee and the Lecht, sunny periods, isolated snow showers and patchy hill fog; over Glencoe, scattered snow showers, one or two on the heavy side, with hill fog extensive in the showers; it will be cold with the freezing level around 2,500ft and the wind westerly, fresh or strong. Outlook for tomorrow: mainly dry and bright but over Cairngorm, Glenshee and the Lecht, becoming cloudy during the afternoon with possibly rain or snow spreading from the north-west; wind fresh or strong westerly.

● Information supplied by the Scottish Meteorological Office.

Alboreto and Berger lead way in Brazil

Rio De Janeiro (AP) — Ferraris took first and second places on the first day of tyre tests for Formula One motor racing teams at the Nelson Piquet track here on Monday. Michele Alboreto, of Italy, using a high downforce aerodynamic setup, took his bright red Ferrari F187 turbo around the 3.125-mile track in 1min 30.6sec. His colleague, Gerhard Berger, of Austria, was second with a best lap of 1min 30.87sec.

Derek Warwick, of Britain, who had the fastest lap in morning practice, was fourth in an Arrows-Megatron.

The pace was much slower than Nigel Mansell's pole position time of 1:26.128 in time trials for the 1987 Brazilian Grand Prix. One of the reasons is the reduced turbo pressure the teams are allowed to run this year, which means less horsepower.

"We are not going to go as quickly as before, but I'm sure I can get a lap below 1:30.0, which is not bad considering I'm running about 400hp less than last year," Berger said after practice.

The three-time world champion, Nelson Piquet, was third in a Lotus-Honda turbo, but his best lap was spoiled when his countryman, Ayrton Senna, would not let him pass.

The Benetton-Ford team led the aspirated, or non-turbo, cars. Alessandro Nannini, of Italy, was fifth

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Jeffrey out of sevens party

By David Hands
Rugby Correspondent

John Jeffrey, the Kelso flanker, has been omitted from the Scottish party named yesterday to take part in the Australian bicentennial sevens tournament in April, because of his part in Saturday night's escapade when the Calcutta Cup was damaged after the Scotland-England game at Murrayfield.

Jeffrey, aged 28, has been identified as the only Scottish player involved in the incident which saw the cup removed from the Edinburgh hotel which staged the official banquet and, apparently, used as a football during an impromtu street game by players from both teams. During the episode the cup, insured for £10,000, was dented, though it can be repaired.

Robin Charters, convenor of the Scottish selectors who will manage the sevens party, said yesterday: "He (Jeffrey) was the only player involved from our side, as far as I know. This is the selectors' punishment for him." This does not rule out the possibility of any further punishment by the Scottish Rugby Union, which is investigating the whole incident and hopes to make a statement today.

There is, of course, some danger of making a mountain out of this particular molehill if one gets into the realms of suspensions for horseplay – in which, doubtless, many of today's administrators may have indulged when they were players themselves. Removal of Jeffrey from consideration for a week's visit to Australia is, perhaps, a reasonable gesture but I would not think the loss of an international cap is.

The Rugby Football Union, which has made its own inquiries, is awaiting the outcome of the SRU's investigation before deciding what action, if any, is necessary on its part.

Scott Hastings, the Watsonians centre, was not considered either for the sevens but only because of a damaged knee. The party selected reflects the spread, last season, of the various club sevens trophies around different clubs. It includes Marshall, the uncapped Wakefield flanker

SCOTTISH SQUAD: G Armstrong (Jed-Forest), F Calder (Stewart's Melville FP),G Callander (Kelso, capt), G Hastings (London Scottish), A Ker (Kelso), G Marshall (Wakefield), K Robertson (Melrose), A Tait (Kelso), I Tukalo (Selkirk).

Jones tops marathon money list

Steve Jones's international marathon victories have made him the biggest prize-money winner in men's road running, according to the American magazine, *Sports Ranking Systems* (Pat Butcher writes).

Jones has earned cash prizes and record bonuses worth $194,000 (£108,000) in the last three years, putting him ahead of the Australian, Rob de Castella, who has won £88,000. However, Ingrid Kristiansen is streets ahead of the men in the money race, with £132,000 in prizes.

Grete Waitz is second woman, with £102,000 in winnings, while Rosa Mota, the woman who succeeded Waitz as marathon world champion, is third on £95,000, and Priscilla Welch, of Britain, fourth on £82,000.

Liz McColgan is placed 10th woman with £48,000, most of which she has earned in shorter road races in the last year.

Moynihan wants restriction to sale of England tickets

By John Goodbody

The Government has written to the West German Sports Minister, asking that as an anti-hooligan measure there should be no sale of tickets for the European football Championships on the days of England matches.

Colin Moynihan, the Minister for Sport, says that British police are already receiving information that a number of England supporters intend to travel to the championships without tickets and will try to buy them at the stadium on the day of the match. "This form of travelling is likely to appeal to the hooligan element," he said.

By publicizing the fact that tickets will not be on sale, it is hoped that some supporters will be disinclined to travel.

"I am determined that every possible precautionary step should be taken to minimize the risk of crowd disorder by England supporters at the European Championships in June," Moynihan said.

The tournament is widely seen as a test of whether English clubs should be readmitted to the three European competitions next season. UEFA, the Continental governing body, has circularized its 34 members with a questionnaire for their opinion.

The Times, in a similar inquiry published two weeks ago, disclosed that there is now almost unanimous support for the readmission of English clubs. Although the UEFA executive committee is expected to make its decision in May, any favourable vote is likely to be conditional on the good behaviour of English supporters at the European Championships.

England have been limited to 12,000 tickets for the championships but their numbers could be swelled by thousands of British servicemen, who are free to buy tickets direct from the German organizers.

Unlike the travelling England supporters, the soldiers will neither be segregated from rival suppporters nor be subjected to special vetting arrangements.

Moynihan accepts that there are commercial considerations, unless there is a sell-out, which is now possible, but Hermann Neuberger, the president of the Championships Organizing Committee, also said a year ago that if there are warnings of trouble then no tickets will be sold on match days when England are playing.

He said: "We were asked by UEFA if we could handle the English fans. I believe the situation can be handled."

But Neuberger also told *The Times*: "We would rather not sell tickets at all if that means eliminating any trouble. In any case there will be strict control over fans entering the stadium with police stationed at every entrance to search for weapons and bottles."

Neuberger added that the supporters who follow England were "different" from those who support clubs. It is a sentiment with which the inhabitants of Norway, Switzerland, Luxembourg and Spain would scarcely agree, because of incidents involving England supporters in recent years.

When England last played in the final stages of the European Championships in 1980 their supporters attacked Belgian supporters in Turin. The Italian police intervened, firing tear-gas. The game was interrupted when gas drifted over the pitch.

Hooligans force Hereford's hand

Hereford United have been forced to make their match at home to Cardiff City on Saturday all-ticket because of a threat of violence by a group of Cardiff supporters.

Two weeks ago, Cardiff supporters were involved in ugly scenes at Leyton Orient. Police have been alerted to the possibility of further violence following the circulation of leaflets in Cardiff, urging supporters to travel to Hereford to take part in the next violent leg of "Cardiff City's tour of England 1987-88."

Evans resigns as Oxford manager

By Clive White

Maurice Evans, the man who always said that he never wanted to manage a football club, was yesterday granted his wish when Oxford United accepted with regret his resignation. He will, however, remain at the club, probably as general manager.

It has been agreed that Evans will revert to his great love, that of scouting, which was his duty under Jim Smith, the previous manager, before Evans was appointed manager in 1985. Evans will also take charge of youth development.

The fact that he is remaining as caretaker manager until a successor has been found would suggest the new appointment is likely to come from outside the club this time. Ray Graydon, who was coach under Smith, will continue in his present capacity.

Oxford are third from bottom of the table and struggling for their first division lives following a bright start to the season. Clearly, the pressure has proved too much for Evans, a man who sees football as a game to enjoy rather than fret about.

The disappointment of losing to Luton Town in the Littlewoods Cup semi-final recently may have accelerated his decision to give a new man a chance of reviving the team's fortunes before it is too late. Oxford won the only major cup competion in their short League history under Evans when they beat Queen's Park Rangers, managed by Smith, in the final of the 1986 Milk Cup.

Jim Hunt, the Oxford secretary, said that Evans conveyed his feelings to Kevin Maxwell, the chairman, on Monday night

Hunt said: "In fairness to the Maxwells, they have taken a lot of stick from one quarter or another, but have stood by their employees through thick and thin. Kevin Maxwell never wilted in his support for Maurice despite outside claims that he should go."

Dixon to stay at Chelsea

By Dennis Signy

Kerry Dixon, like John Hollins before him, stays at Stamford Bridge. The speculation about whether he would join West Ham United or Arsenal ended yesterday when the Chelsea forward rejected a move to Upton Park and was told that the option of Highbury was no longer open to him.

As Ken Bates, the Chelsea chairman, said the previous day: "All that has happened in my absence abroad is that the club has changed its coach."

The first move of the day came when Bates told John Lyall, the West Ham manager, that Chelsea accepted his offer of a player-exchange deal valued at £1.2 million and involving Alan Dickens, the midfield player. Dixon was told that Arsenal's matching cash offer was unacceptable.

A telephone call from Dixon to Lyall expressed his thanks for West Ham's interest. "I will not be joining the Hammers even though I was very impressed with what Lyall had to say," Dixon said.

Lyall, accepting that the player was not 100 per cent keen to join his club, reluctantly withdrew his offer and announced his intention of pursuing his efforts to sign another quality player.

Dixon, who is under contract to Chelsea until 1989, reacted in similar philosophical vein and said he would prepare himself for action with Chelsea in their home game with Everton on Saturday.

Mike Hazard, Dixon's midfield colleague, found himself in a similar position. A possible player-exchange deal valued at £350,000 with Queen's Park Rangers, also fell through yesterday.

Wife rescues Charles from 60 days' prison

John Charles, the former Welsh international footballer, spent three hours in a Huddersfield police cell yesterday after being jailed for 60 days by the local magistrates for not paying his rates. He was released when his wife, Glenda, managed to raise the £943

The 56-year-old former Leeds United and Juventus forward told the magistrates he was on the dole and could not afford to pay the £943 rates he owed on the Gomasal Park Hotel in Moor Lane, Gomasal, where he was landlord from August 1986 to January last year.

The magistrate told Charles, who is married with two children, of Whitehall Grove, Birkenshaw, Bradford, that he had shown culpable neglect in not paying the rates and would have to go to prison immediately unless he could pay the money in full.

Charles offered to raise £100 within a few hours and said a Leeds United team was playing Everton in a benefit match for him on April 12 and he hoped to make £10,000 from it. But the magistrates still decided to jail him.

Qadir: ready to take on the West Indies after being treated for kidney ailment

Kidney treatment for Qadir in London clinic

By Qamar Ahmed

Abdul Qadir, the Pakistan leg-spinner, is having treatment in London for the kidney ailment from which he has suffered for the last two years. The Pakistan team, who are in the Caribbean to play a series of five one-day games and three Test matches, passed through London unannounced a week ago, staying overnight and leaving Qadir behind.

Despite the ailment Qadir has brought off some staggering performances in the last two years, mesmerising the opponents with his devastating skill of bowling leg spinners, googlies and flippers. The last few days he has been visiting the specialist in London for treatment before heading for the West Indies tomorrow for a tough and gruelling task.

Relaxing in his hotel bedroom Qadir revealed that though the specialists think that he must rest, he is keen to play. "I have been to the specialist quite a few times in the last few days and I am pleased to know that the stone in the kidney has already passed out. But it is inflamed which is really bothering me at the moment. All during last summer's tour of England I thought I was having muscular spasms but in fact it was my right kidney which was bothering me." he said.

Last year in the World Cup and in the series against England Qadir proved a matchwinner even though, all through series he was having treatment, taking a career-best 13 wickets for 101 runs, in the first-Test victory at Labore.

"I was having painkilling injections then. Sometimes it was unbearable," he said.

He finished the series with 30 wickets, at an average of 14.56 against England."No English batsman except for Gooch and Emburey were able to cope with me. Gooch because he is such a fine batsmen and Emburey because he is an unorthodox player. Though most of the time luck was with him," Qadir said.

Qadir has not toured the West Indies before, except to play, briefly, in a benefit game in Trinidad. He is certainly looking foward to it.

The West Indians are well aware of his skill. Two years ago at Faisalabad Qadir bowled them out for their lowest total in Test cricket (53) by taking 6-16 in 9.3 overs and finished the series bagging 18 wickets at 20.05 apiece. Qadir, aged 32, is at the peak of his trade. In 51 Tests he has taken 191 wickets at 31.14 apiece.

More licence to entertain

Dunedin — John Wright, the newly-appointed New Zealand captain, has promised entertainment in the Rothmans Cup one-day international cricket series against England.

Wright, who was speaking before the first one-day international began here today, said he understood criticism of the dull cricket in the Test series, although he did not agree with it.

"We play Test cricket as hard as we can and I think people appreciate that, in New Zealand, it is often more a war of attrition," Wright said. "But any dullness there has been should be put right by the one-day series."

New Zealand keen to do well in the one-day games because their recent results in limited-overs cricket have been disappointing, do not compare favourably with England over the past 14 months..

Dilley, the England fast bowler, who missed the first match, is likely to miss Saturday's second game at Christchurch with a knee injury.

England's cricket manager, Micky Stewart, said: "I would rate Graham's chances of playing on Saturday as no better than 50--50. But he is definitely making progress and we hope he can be fit for at least the final two matches of the series at Napier and Auckland next week."

NEW ZEALAND (from): J G Wright (captain), R B Reid, A H Jones, M D Crowe, M J Greatbatch, K R Rutherford, J G Bracewell, C M Kuggeleijn, I D S Smith, M C Snedden, E J Chatfield, W Watson.

ENGLAND (from): M W Gatting (captain), M D Moxon, C S Broad, R T Robinson, N H Fairbrother, D J Capel, J E Emburey, E E Hemmings, B N French, P A J DeFreitas, P W Jarvis, N V Radford.

END COLUMN

Pair in tune for the real score

By Stuart Jones
Football Correspondent

"Does anybody know what a symposium is?" Jack Charlton asked the question at the beginning of the journey to Herzogenaurach in the south of West Germany. Having accepted the invitation to appear there as a guest, he was wondering if "it has got something to do with orchestras."

His definition, offered in jest, turned out to be not so absurd. Although events were to follow the more literal meanings ("a friendly discussion and a drinking party after a banquet"), the purpose of the day was for eight men to start beating the drum for the European Championship finals.

Since they did so with the odd gentle touch of humour, the sound was more like the tinkling of a cymbal. When requested by a foreign journalist to list the qualities of England's captain, Bobby Robson opened his response by clearing up a point. "Bryan is not my son."

Robson talks of Robson with pride

It was as well that he preceded with an aside that may seem obvious to English ears. By the end of his lavish appraisal, those less familiar with the link between the Robsons might have believed that he had indeed been talking with justifiable pride about his offspring.

Bobby Robson, speaking with admirable eloquence and so deliberately that the interpreters were kept hanging on his words, suggested that England and the Republic of Ireland could qualify for the semi-final. "We are both in the same group," he added, "So, Jack, we've got some arranging to do."

If the forthright Charlton has his way, the tournament itself will be as appealing as the initial build-up. His honesty is so unmistakably obvious that no-one should doubt his adventurous intentions. Everybody should instead encourage him to carry them out when he leaves Eire onto the European stage.

"People should come and look at us," he says. "They will get a surprise. The attitude seems to be that if you don't give a goal away, then you might just win. We promise to be much more positive than that. There will be no going on the defensive for us.

"We will go out and play. We hope to enjoy it and that you enjoy watching us. We want to leave a mark on this tournament and, if we don't win it, I would like us to be remembered for the way we play for the first time at this level.

Charlton's way to win matches

"I am not one of those people — and there are many in my line of business — who like to defend in their own half and to look for the break. I much prefer to attack and to play football in the opposing half. That, I believe, is the way to win matches."

Robson, tiring understandably of persistent queries about potential crowd trouble in June, was prompted to make an equally impassioned plea for peace on and off the pitches in Germany. "I'm coach, not a government official, so I can't do anything to control the fans," he said.

"We have an awful price to pay if they don't behave so we hope that they realise how important it is for the development of our game that English clubs are allowed back into Europe." He stated that all of the participants can help by conducting themselves in the appropriate manner.

"There is no doubt that bad behaviour by the player can incite spectators. The players' attitude is crucial. In spite of the importance of the event, the game must come first and the prize second. That is the biggest contribution we could make. This is a tournament for football, not for violence."

Between them, the domestic ambassadors have already written an attractive score. If their own squads and the other six nations dare to follow it and gifted virtuoso are allowed to play their own music, Charlton will doubtless claim that the symposium was indeed something to do with an orchestra. It was tuning up.

Yates seizes early lead after Roche pulls out

St Etienne (AFP) – Sean Yates produced a courageous solo ride to win the first stage of the Paris to Nice cycle race here yesterday and ensure his Fagor team did not fade into obscurity after its leading rider, Stephen Roche, had pulled out of the event.

Yates battled alone for the last 45 miles of the 120-mile stage from Villefranche-sur-Saone to reach St Etienne 2min 12sec clear and take the overall lead in the first big professional race of the new season.

The Briton, aged 27, who also collected 10 bonus seconds for his win, held a maximum lead of 5min 10sec at one point. Yates said: "We'd been told to attack. We've got to gain maximum profit from the first two stages because with Stephen out, we've got no team leader.

"I wasn't really thinking of winning the stage when I broke away. It was pretty cold out there but luckily I had the wind behind me for the last 15 kilometres. I'm making no rash predictions for the rest of the race. With a bit of luck I may be able to hang on to the lead until Thursday."

Roche pulled out before the start of the six-day race. The world champion is still experiencing pain in his left knee, despite an operation last November, and will also miss the Milan to San Remo race on March 19.

Roche's team director, Patrick Valcke, said: "After the Paris-Nice challenge on Sunday, Stephen was still not right, but it is nothing to worry about as it was his first real run-out this season."

Sean Kelly, of Ireland, winner of the last six editions of the race, was fourth. He said he did not get involved in the sprint because he was not looking for bonus seconds.

Today's second stage, over 196km to Valreas, should suit the sprint specialists.

RESULT: Villefranche-sur-Saone to St Etienne (120 miles): 1, S Yates (GB), 2hr 35min 53sec; 2, B Wojtinek (Fr), at 2min 12sec; 3, Etienne de Wilde (Bel); 4, J Kuum (Den); 5, J-P Vandenbrande (Bel); 6, S Kelly (Ire); 7, E Planckaert (Bel); 8, R Simon (Fr); 9, P Harings (Neth); 10, H Kuiper (Neth) all same time. Britons and others: 39, J McLoughlin (GB); 48, R Millar (GB), both at 2:22; 72, M Earley (Ire), 8:01; 78, D Davis (GB), 9:17; 91, M Elliott (GB), 13:18; 144, P Watson (GB), 24:52.

SPORT IN BRIEF

Fortunate England

The England men's table tennis team yesterday received a favourable draw for the European championships in Paris from March 19 to 27.

The England men's team of Desmond Douglas, Alan Cooke, Carl Prean and Skylet Andrew have been drawn in the same prelminary pool as France, Czechoslovakia, Hungary, Yugoslavia and Bulgaria, thus avoiding the favourites, Sweden. The women's team was drawn in a group with the Soviet Union, West Germany, Romania, Yugoslavia and Denmark.

Staff cuts

Lusaka (Reuter) — Zambia will send only a small squad of athletes to the Olympic Games in Seoul in September, it was announced yesterday, because of falling sporting standards in the country. The Zambian international Olympic Committee said 50 athletes and officials would travel to South Korea, half the number that took part in the All Africa Games in Kenya last August.

Cannon: forced out by illness

Hedley blow

Jimmy Hedley, coach to the world mile record holder, Steve Cram, and the new European indoor 800m champion, David Sharpe, is in hospital with a suspected heart attack. A hospital spokesman last night described his condition as "quite stable".

Andrew back

Steve Andrew, the Hampshire fast bowler, returns to England today from Australia for intensive treatment to the back injury which may prevent him starting the season.

Cannon retires

Dave Cannon, the former British intenational marathon runner, was yesterday forced into retirement as a result of post-viral syndrome — an illness that leaves him shattered after any exercise. Cannon, aged 37, represented Britain in the 1978 and 1982 European championships.

County best

The Gloucestershire opening batsman, Andy Stovold, made £75,000 from his benefit last year, a county record. It tops by £3,000 the sum raised by the captain, David Graveney. Stovold, aged 34, made his debut in 1973 and has since scored 16,000 runs and reached 1,000 runs in eight seasons.

Tennis date

The Mortgage Corporation National tennis League Championship final, between Croydon Direct Liners and Bournemouth Yamaha Aces, will be staged at the Surrey Tennis and County Club in Croydon on Sunday, April 17.

Jet lag does not stop Skoglund's victory

By Gordon Allan

Phil Skoglund only arrived from New Zealand on Sunday and had scant time to prepare for his opening match in the Embassy world indoor singles bowls championship at Alexandra Palace yesterday.

He then found himself losing the first set to the youngest competitor Jason Greenslade, of Cardiff, who was 18 on Sunday. But Skoglund has been playing bowls for 33 of his 50 years and once he had put line and length together, he was too good for Greenslade, winning 5-7, 7-3, 7-4, 7-0.

Skoglund lost the final to Tony Allcock in 1986. Last year, suffering from jet lag, he disappeared in the first round. But this time he says he is playing well.

He scored the maximum four shots on the first end of the first set, but Greenslade, who was still suffering from flu, reeled off five singles and a two for the set. Skoglund had another count of four to win the second set and the rest came to seem inevitable.

In the last 16, Skoglund plays Jim Muir, who beat Andy Thomson 7-4, 7-5, 5-7, 7-6. This was a match characterized by bowls that were brilliant and bowls that were not.

Thomson had a 6-0 lead in the fourth set and then held the shot required to square the match. Muir, using weight, removed it to score three and did much the same on the next end — another example of how fortunes can rapidly be turned upside down in the sets game.

Muir and Skoglund have not played each other before. Last year, Muir won the first two sets against David Bryant in the quarter-finals, but lost the match.

Yesterday, Neil McGhee beat Andy Seator 7-0, 7-4, 7-3. Seator plays at the same club as Skoglund at Manawatu and was coached by Bill Broughton

RESULTS: First round: J Muir (Sco) bt A Thomson (Eng) 7-4, 7-5, 5-7, 7-6; P Skoglund (NZ) bt J Greenslade (Wal) 5-7, 7-3, 7-4, 7-0; N McGhee (Sco) bt A Seator (NZ) 7-0, 7-4, 7-3.

Baseball first

Indianapolis (Reuter) — Jim Abbott, aged 20, a pitcher from the University of Michigan who was born with one hand, has won the James Sullivan Memorial Award